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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SOUTH FORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH,

CATAWBA COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 1901.

MODERATOR:—W. A. GRAHAM, Machpelah, N. C.
CLERK:—ELD. D. P. BRIDGES, Lincolnton, N. C.
TREASURER:—W. C. MULLEN, Lincolnton, N. C.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. C. Mullen, W. A. Graham, J. L. Wilkie,
J. R. Underwood, J. F. Click.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

FIRST—Bessemer City, Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, McAdensville, Mt, Holly, Hebron, Lowell, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains, Gastonia II.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Salem, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Mt. Ruhama, Bethel, River View, Leonard's Fork, Long Shoals.

THIRD—Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mt. Grove, Penelope, Warlick's Chapel, Startown.

The Association not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

The South Fork Association met in its twenty-third annual session with Olivet church, Thursday, October 24th, 1901, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. F. Watson from Duet. i; 6-8. Then the body adjourned for one hour and a half.

Thursday, 1:30 P. M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and Eld. J. B. Marsh led in prayer.

Brethren C. M. Murchison and B. L. Hoke were appointed reading clerks, and the letters from the churches were read and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Belmont—

Bethel—W. C. Mullen.

Bessemer City—

Bruington—J. C. Havnaer, V. Q. Morris, T. S. Black.

Catawba—J. S. Bridges, T. M. Ervin, M. J. Cochrane.

Dallas—

Gastonia—J. D. Moore, W. F. Watson, M. T. Saunders, A. A. Wagstaff.

Hebron—

Hickory Grove—G. W. Rumfelt, C. L. Hoke, L. Abernathy.

Hickory—W. R, Gwaltney, C. A. Carrier, C. M. Rocket, J. F. Click, J. H. Patrick.

Kid's Chapel—W. A. Graham, W. A. Whitener, J. T. Cochrane.

Leonard's Fork—J. W. Hoover, D. S. Hoover.

Lebanon—

Lincolnton—D. P. Bridges, P. W. Bangle.

Link's Chapel—Not represented.

Long Creek—J. Kirksey, W. L. Smith.

Lowell—D. B. Harwell, D. W. Padgett, J. Funderburg, J. W. Hansil, W. T. Warren.

Macedonia—J. F. Hawkins.

Maiden—J. A. Hoyle, E. S. Whisnant, J. W. Griffin, H. A. Lineberger, R. B. Cook.

McAdensville—J. N. Walker, W. N. Wilson, J. L. Webb.

Mt. Grove—D. A. Whisnant, J. B. Rocket, C. H. Sigmon.

Mt. Mt. Holly—Not represented.

Mt. Ruhama—J. Drum, A. C. Summit, J. P. Barker, J. Turbyfield, Roy Williams.

Mt. Zion—W. B. McLure, L. S. Hager, Robt. Nantz.

Newton—G. W. Cochrane, P. M. Mull, W. W. Bridges, H. A. Cates.

Olivet—J. Brown, M. T. Bynum, D. E. Wilson, J. P. Stewart, D. F. White.

Providence—

Providence II—J. L. Hoffman, H. H. Hoffman.

Penelope—C. M. Murchison, I. M. Hildebrand.

River View—E. C. Huss, J. D. Whiteside.

Salem—C. F. Clanton, J. B. Harril, W. Huggins, O. A. Hufstetler.

Sandy Plains—W. E. Beatie.

Startown—

Thessalonca—W. P. Roney, W. A. Chapman, D. A. Ramsaur.

Warlick's—A. J. Cook, Louis Wagner, Laban Wagner.

Reepsville—L. A. Bangle.

Long Shoals—C. M. Ervin, H. B. Chronister, J. G. Williams.

Gastonia II—J. A. White, J. V. Fisher, J. B. Caldwell.

The Association then organized by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator; D. P. Bridges, Clerk, and W. C. Mullen, Treasurer.

The following visiting brethren were received and welcomed to seats: J. B. Marsh from South Carolina; L. John-

son, Corresponding Secretary of Missions; J. M. Bennet, of the North Carolina Baptist; W. R. Beach, from Caldwell Association; B. M. Bridges and D. F. Putnam, from King's Mountain Association, and C. E. Beaver, from South Yadkin Association.

B. L. Hoke, J. C. Havnaer and J. W. Griffin were appointed to examine the articles of faith of the second church, Gastonia, which made application for membership into this body. The committee reported the articles sound and the church was received.

Long Shoals was also received as a new church in the same manner.

Section 5 of the Constitution was changed. (See section 5, Constitution.)

The Treasurer read his report for the year which was adopted.

The usual committees were appointed by the Moderator, whose names will appear with their reports.

W. R. Gwaltney, D. P. Bridges and W. F. Watson were appointed a committee on ministerial students.

State missions was made the special order for Friday at 11 A. M..

The pastor and deacons of Olivet church were made a committee on religious exercises.

Elder W. B. McLure was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

A resolution to ask each church to send a contribution to the treasurer to pay the expenses of a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention was passed.

W. A. Graham, W. R. Gwaltney and W. F. Watson were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

Friday, 9:00 A. M.

The Association met and J. C. Havnaer conducted the

devotional exercises. The Moderator called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The roll of delegates was called.

The following visiting brethren were received: J. L. Shinn, of the South Yadkin Association; D. W. Pool, of the Alexander Association.

W. F. Watson was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

The following brethren were elected Executive Committee—W. A. Graham, W. C. Mullen and J. R. Underwood, to serve two years; J. L. Wilkie and J. F. Click to serve one year.

The hour of meeting of the Association on Thursday was changed from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M., and the introductory sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

It was ordered that the first hour after dinner today be given to the consideration of the spiritual condition of the churches.

The report on the Orphanage was read.

ORPHANAGE.

A religion that does not open the ears and the heart to the helpless is not the religion of Christ. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affiiction, and to keep himself unspoted from the world."—Jas. i:27. Charity to the poor is the unfailing fruit of repentence, said John the Baptist to the Pharisees; "He that hath two coats let him impart one to him that hath none, and he that hath meat let him do likewise." It evinces the genuineness of our faith. "What doth it profit, my brethren; though a man say he hath faith and hath not works, can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked or destitute of daily food, and one would say unto them, depart in peace; be ye warmed and filled, notwithstanding ye gave them not those things needful to the body, what doth it profit; even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.—Jas. ii:14-17.

Without this love to the needy we are without love to God. "Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him how dwelleth the love of God in him."—I John iii:17.

By this love to Christ, extending half to the poor the divinity of our faith will be the test in the last great day. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

At our orphanage at Thomasville we have 210 fatherless boys and girls, and others crying to be let in, but there is no more room. We repeat what was stated in the report last year, that another home is needed, and greatly needed to make room for the many more who want to come, and who are as worthy of help as those who are already there. We recommend that every church should take regular collections for the orphanage and every Sunday School one collection in each month.

W. R. GWALTNEY.
P. M. MULL,
I. M. HILDEBRAND.

E. S. Reaves and G. H. Brown, of the South Yadkin Association, and J. C. Gilespie, of the Sandy Run Association, were received.

The report on State Missions was read and discussed by L. Johnson and W. A. Graham.

STATE MISSIONS.

Our great responsibility, relative to supporting the State Mission Board, lies in the fact that its work, primarily, is foundation work. By it and through its instrumentality, the pure gospel is promulgated and supplied to our destitute sections, churches organized, the gospel by them sent to the foreign field.

This board not only does foundation work, but constitutes our base of supplies, our only means of sending the whole truth to many quarters.

This work was planned on a larger scale this year than ever before, $25,000 being the basis.

The embarrassment of the board this year arises from several causes: New secretary, unanticipated debt, depression in business and phenomenal rains and freshets, all impairing more or less the people to meet the maturing obligations of the board, yet our people are a mighty host and will, and must furnish in full the $25,000 for this important work. To cut off State Missions means to cut off our resources for the future.

W. F. WATSON,
J. F. HAWKINS,
J. B. ROCKETT,
Committee.

A collection for State Missions was taken amounting to $9.10.

The report was adopted.

The report on the Orphanage was taken up and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney and W. F. Watson.

J. W. Bailey, of the Biblical Recorder, was welcomed to a seat.

The Association then adjourned for an hour and a half.

Friday, 1:30 P. M.

The Association convened and was led in prayer by D. F. Putnam.

The roll of churches was called and a report of the spiritual condition was made, which was good.

The report on the Orphanage was taken up and discussed by W. A. Graham.

The report was adopted.

The report on place and preacher was read and adopted:

PLACE AND PREACHER.

We respectfully submit the following report:

Association to be held at McAdensville.

Introductory sermon by J. L. Vipperman.
Alternate, B. L. Hoke.

J. T. COCHRANE, Chairman.
W. P. RHONEY,
D. A. WHISNANT.

The report on Obituaries was read and adopted.

The report on Periodicals was read and disscussed by J. W. Bailey, J. M. Bennett, W. F. Watson and W. R. Gwaltney:

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. F. Watson.

Saturday, 9:00 A. M.

The Association convened and B. L. Hoke conducted the devotion.

The Moderator called the Association to order, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on Periodicals was taken up and discussed by W. A. Graham.

Three dollars were raised to correct the map of the Association.

The report was further discussed by W. F. Watson and C. M. Murchison.

The report was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

There never was a time when the subject of religious newspapers should receive more serious consideration, than at this stage of our history. There is, and ought to be, a great awakening on the subject of reading. Our people must have a clearer and more general knowledge of the work that lies out before us as Baptists, under the guiding hand of God, so they must read something that gives no uncertain sound.

We can find this reading in the Biblical Recorder, North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission

Journal, and last but not least in importance to the members of this Association, our own Baptist Worker.

J. S. Bridges,
V. Q. Morris,
C. A. Carrier,
Committee.

On request of Eld. C. E. Beaver, W. R. Gwaltney, C. M. Murchison and W. B. McLure were appointed a committee to investigate certain rumors against his christian character.

The committee reported as follows:

REPORT ON ELDER BEAVER.

Your committee appointed to investigate the reports in circulation which are detrimental to the christian character of Rev C. E. Beaver, after careful examination of all the facts in the case, find that they are without foundation, and that he has done nothing to bring reproach upon his character.

W. R. Gwaltney.
C. M. Murchison.
W. B. McLure.

A letter of dismission was granted Bessemer City church to join the King's Mountain Association.

The report on Education was read and speeches were made by B. L. Hoke, W. R. Gwaltney, J. W. Bailey, W. A. Graham, W. F. Watson and C. M. Murchison.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Wake Forest College, the Baptist Female University and the other higher schools had a grand opening, and seem to be moving on gloriously with their work. Our people might well be proud of these grand institutions of learning; for they mean so much to our denominational life, strength and power.

But the greatest question before us now is, what can we do that we might have more schools, with longer terms and better equipped teachers in reach of the great masses of

poor boys and girls in our State, who now have not even a chance to learn the rudiments of our beautiful English language?

We have a Governor and Legislature who promised great things for these hundreds of neglected children, but when they got to Raleigh they forgot their promise and the poor children were pushed aside.

Therefore, we, as your committee, feel that if great results are ever to come in the way of educating the masses, our Baptist people must take a vigorous hold on this great educational movement.

Feeling the needs of a good school within the bounds of our Association, we your committee, recommend to this Association that we establish a good school within our bounds that will be owned and controlled by the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. HOKE,
W. P. RHONEY,
J. BROWN,
Committee.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take under consideration the advisability of establishing a high school, to be owned and controlled by the South Fork Association.

W. F. Watson, B. L. Hoke, A. J. Cook, J. A. Hoyle and J. S. Bridges were appointed on this committee.

The Association then adjourned for one hour and a half.

Saturday, 1:30 P. M.

The Association met and E. S. Whisnant opened with prayer.

A collection for house of worship at Reepsville was taken amounting to $8.

The report on Associational School was read as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

Your committee on Associational School beg leave to submit a partial report of the work committed to our hands:

1. That the pastors and churches be requested to pray specially for the committee and the work in contemplation.

2. That the pastors return to their churches and make a thorough canvass of the membership, and in this way ascertain how much their churches would raise for the purpose of securing this school property.

3. That all churches desiring the school send up to the committee the amount the church can give for the school, if located within their vicinity; also what the church can and will do regardless of location.

4. That the above mentioned information be forwarded to the chairman of the committee at their earliest convenience.

W. F. WATSON,
B. L. HOKE,
J. A. HOYLE,
A. J. COOK,
J. S. BRIDGES.
Committee

The report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and spoken to by C. M. Murchison, P. W. Bangle aud W. B. McLure.

The report was adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Fifty years ago our fathers were praying for open doors to admit the messengers of the gospel into heathen lands; twenty-five years ago the prayer was for men to enter the door which had been opened; later it was a prayer for means to send the men who were offering themselves to carry the glad message. Our people have met crisis after crisis in

mission work, and opportunity after opportunity has been embraced until the little missionary stone has become a great mountain. The opportunities are now much greater, and consequently bring upon us corresponding responsibilities greater than ever before.

The Boxer disturbance in China will result, under the Holy Spirit, in the missionaries being admitted into every province of that oldest empire of the modern world, with protection of the Emperor preceeding them.

Our convention has representatives on every continent on the earth, numbering very nearly two hundred missionaries and native helpers. An advance of 25 per cent. was asked by the convention for the present year in contributions for foreign missions.

One feature of the work interesting to us just now is, that we need more men than are offering themselves for the foreign work. Another feature is the martyr spirit of the Chinese Christians manifested in the recent ordeal through which they have gone.

The board at Richmond was never more judiciously managed. A better and more consecrated man than R. J. Willingham, D. D., has never been at the head of affairs. The actual expenses have been reduced to just as low a per cent. as possible, being only seven or eight per cent.

No denomination is blessed with as large a number of real converts, according to the amount invested, as the Baptist.

The devil is opposed to Foreign Missions, wicked men are opposed to Foreign Missions, the narrow, stingy church member is opposed to Foreign Missions, the rum seller and manufacturer is opposed to Foreign Missions. On which side will the churches of the South Fork Association take their stand?

C. M. Murchison,
D. P. Bridges,
P. W. Bangle.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Of the three links in the chain of Christian civilization, physical, mental and moral, there is none so important as the moral, and this link can no where be so strongly forged as in the Sabbath School.

We, for the last quarter of a century, have made wonderful physical and mental developement, but we are doomed to a failure without this moral training that we get in the Sunday School.

Solomon has said, in thy getting get understanding, and truthfully, the great lights of the world, past and present, have been those who have sat, like Saul, at the feet of the Great Teacher and there learned the lessons of importtance.

We, your committee, report that the majority of converts that are daily filling our churches and who are defusing charity into the homes of the oppressed, and are leading in the great Christian movement, are those who have been Sunday School promoters.

We, your committee, urge a strict adherance to the teachings of the Book, the Bible, and the helps reccommended by our board.

Respectfully submitted;
J. C. HAVNAER,
E. C. HUSS,
J. P. DRUM,

The report was discussed Sunday at 10 A. M.

The report on Home Missions was read and discussed by J. W. Bailey and W. R. Gwaltney.

HOME MISSIONS.

By example and by precept Jesus Christ bids His followers to preach the gospel to every creature and in all the world.

Our Baptist State Convention has devised plans whereby this may be done at one time by any follower of Christ.

In Foreign Missions we send the gospel to the heathen peoples; in State Missions we send the gospel to those who need it in our State; in Associational Missions we send the gospel to those who are without it in our Association; in Local Missions we send the gospel to those in our own neighborhoods.

In Home Missions we send the gospel to those in our Southern States and in Cuba, who need it.

All departments of Missions should be supported, but none need or deserve our support more than Home Missions.

Our Home Mission work takes in Cuba—the island that waits upon us for deliverance from Roman Catholocism, as she waited upon our nation to deliver her from Spain.

We have also the work of evangelizing and uplifting the colored race.

We have also the work of bringing up the cause on the godless Western frontier, amongst the settlers and Indians.

We have also the work of helping to save the destitute in our great cities.

In a word, we have upon us in the work of Home Missions, of saving our favored Southern land to the kingdom of God.

The work is in good condition. The new secretary, Rev. F. C. McConnell, who was born in North Carolina, seems well fitted for his office. The missionaries, to the number of two hundred or more, send in encouraging reports.

In fact, we have every reason to commend this cause to the churches.

J. A. Hoyle,
For Committee.

W. A. Graham read the report of the Executive Committee and discussed the report which was adopted:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the South Fork Association beg leave to submit their annual report:

During the year we have supplied Sunday afternoon services, once a month, at the following places:

By B. L. Hoke, at Maple Grove	$100
" D. P. Bridges, at High Shoals	25
" D. P. Bridges, at Crouse	25
" C. M. Murchison, at Tuckaseegee	25
" C. E. Beaver, at Reepsville	35
" J. L. Vipperman, at Lucia	25
Total	$235

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BRIDGES, Chairman,
W. A. GRAHAM,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
D. A. WHISNANT,
J. D. MOORE,

Committee.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was read and adopted:

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your committee beg leave to report the following:

We know that God requires us to honor the old that are among us, and especially do we believe that we should give to our aged ministering brethren, who have gone forth in the work of the Master, to the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Not only should we honor, but help them with our means to spend their last years in pleasure instead of casting them off as brutes.

Bespectfully submitted,

W. B. MCLURE,
D. A. RAMSAUR,
W. HUGGINS.

The committee on Finances made the following report:

FINANCES.

Your committee on Finances offers the following report: We have received from the churches for:

Minutes	$ 31.63
Associational Missions	100.15
State Missions	71.05
Home Missions	54.55
Foreign Missions	81.40
Education	18.82
Orphanage	64.86
Old Ministers' Relief	11.30
Sunday School Missions	90
Total	$432.15

M. J. COCHRANE,
A. J. COOK,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Association are due, and are hereby tendered to Olivet church and community for their generous and bountiful hospitality so graciously dispensed during the twenty-third annual session.

The Association then adjourned with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney, to meet with McAdensville Church on Thursday at 1 P. M, before the last Sunday in October, 1902.

D. P. BRIDGES, Clerk.
W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator.

Sunday, 10:00 A. M.

The Association met in a Sunday School mass meeting conducted by W. F. Watson. Excellent speeches were made by W. F. Watson and B. L. Hoke.

At 11 A. M. the Asssciation beautifully expressed its confidence in and love for its honored Moderator for twenty years, W. A. Graham, in the presentation to him of a beau-

tiful bouquet of flowers given by Sister Rosie Clark.

Then J. B. Marsh preached in the house and W. F. Watson in the grove, after which a collection was taken amounting to $11.23.

At 2 P. M. W. R. Gwaltney preached.

The twenty-third session of our Association was one of the very best of our history. The meeting was characterized by harmony and spirituality. We met with a live church, as was shown by the beautiful house which had been repaired and repainted and put in shape to render our meeting agreeable in every way.

This year shows remarkable growth in our territory. We report about 225 baptisms, five new houses of worship and others improved, with one pastor's home erected. McAdensville and Gastonia have completed houses, and Bessemer, Reepsville and Hickory have new houses under way. Lincolnton has completed a pastor's home, and the general condition of the churches seems to be very good. Our contributions are larger than ever before. Two new churches were added, making thirty-eight churches in all.

The Lord seems to be giving special blessings to us, and He is calling on us to do great things for Him in return. Let us go forward to do more this next year than ever before, and not rest until every community in our bounds has a live Baptist church with regular preaching of the gospel.

CLERK.

Constitution.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one group to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, at 1:00 P. M., the Introductory Sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

Rules of Order.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Ministers' Relief, and such special commitiees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9:30 A. M.; adjourn at 12:30 P. M; meet at 1:30 P. M.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may

designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Temperance Resolution. (1881).

RESOLVED, That every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expell them.

RESOLVED, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1876.)

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—DIRECTORY FOR 1901.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PREACHING.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTEND'T	POST OFFICE	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.	POST OFFICE
Belmont	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	1	W. C. Culp	Belmont	Laura Stowe	Belmont
Bessemer City	Gaston	D. F. Putnam	Cherryville	M. C. Carpenter	Bessemer City	4			D. K. Tate	Bessemer
Bethel	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	3	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	W. Mullen	Lincolnton
Bruington	Gaston	J. C. Havnaer	Stanley	J. T. Morris	Stanley	2	D. F. Hovis	Stanley	D. F. Hovis	Stanley
Catawba	Catawba	B. L. Hoke	Newton	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	1			M. J. Cochrane	Catawba
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	C. S. Stowe	Dallas	4	A. R. Holland	Dallas	Laura Brown	Dallas
Gastonia	Gaston	W. F. Watson	Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia	Ev Sun	L. L. Jenkins	Gastonia	M. T. Saunders	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. M. Pressley	Mt. Holly	3			Ola Martin	Mt. Holly
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	G. W. Rumfelt	McAdensville	1	L. Abernethy	Mt. Holly	L. Abernethy	Mt. Holly
Hickory	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev Sun	J. G. Carrier	Hickory	L. Abernethy	Hickory
Kids' Chapel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	1	G. N. Noles	Kidsville	Ennice Whitener	Kidsville
Leonard's Fork	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover	Cronse	4			Ola Houser	Lincolnton
Lebanon	Catawba			W. Lawing	Chronicle				W. Lawing	Chronicle
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Bridges	Lincolnton	3	J. L. Wilkie	Lincolnton	Florence Finch	Lincolnton
Link's Chapel	Lincoln	J. C. Havnaer	Stanley	R. E. Hovis	Ironton	4			Lucy Goodson	Machpelah
Long Creek	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Gastonia	L. A. Holland	Dallas	3			Luther Holland	Dallas
Lowell	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. B. Hester	Lowell	1 2			M. Teague	Lowell
Long Shoals	Lincoln	J. C. Havnaer	Stanley	T. M. Ervin	Long Shoals	1			C. M. Ervin	Long Shoals
Macedonia	Lincoln	J. C. Havnaer	Stanley	I. Mullen	Derr	3	M. N. Spargo	Derr	M. M. Christenbury	Derr
Maiden	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	1 3	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden
McAdenville	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	Newton	J. N. Walker	McAdensville	3 4	J. N. Walker	M'Adenville	J. S. Fox	M'Adenville
Mt. Grove	Catawba	W. R. Beach	Granite	J. W. Whisnant	Hickory	3	W. J. Whisnant	Hickory	J. B. Rockett	Hickory
Mt. Holly	Gaston	C. M. Murchison	Penelope	S. L Bolinger	Mt. Holly	1			S. J. Skidmore	Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. J. Caldwell	Drumsville	2 4	R. Williams	Loretta	Mamie Barker	Loretta
Mt. Zion	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. S. Hager	Alexis	3	W. J. Hager	Alexis	L. S. Hager	Alexis
Newton	Catawba	B. L. Hoke	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	2	G. W. Cochrane	Newton	Mrs. Andrews	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. W. Ervin	Long Island	2	O. Brown	Long Island	Minnie Brown	Long Island
Providence	Catawba			W. M. Wilkie	Catawba	1			H. C. Hewit	Catawba
Providence II	Catawba	John Rector	Morganton	B. G. Asherbraner	Chestnut	2	U. Huffman	Chestnut	Jas. Brittain	Chestnut
Penelope	Burke	I. W. Thomas	Lenoir	J. S Hilderbrand	Penelope	1			J. R. Hosley	Pene ope
River View	Lincoln	J. C. Havnaer	Stanley	E. C Huss	Lincolnton	1	E C. Conner	Lincolnton	G. M. Haynes	Lincolnton
Salem	Lincoln	C. E. Beaver	New Stirling	C. F. Clanton	Ironton	2			R. Harril	Lincolnton
Sandy Plains	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Gastonia	E. W. Hoffman	Begonia	2 4	J. H. Hoffman	Begonia	E. M. Hoffman	Begonia
Startown	Catawba	B. L. Hoke	Newton			2			Mrs. Whiten r	Startown
Thessalonica	Catawba	J. W. Griffin	Maiden	W. P. Roney	Jacob's Fork	4			W. P. Roney	Jacob's Fork
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	J. W. Thomas	Lenoir	A. J. Cook	Penelope	1			A. R. Burns	Penelope
Reepsville	Lincoln	C. E. Beaver	New Sterling	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	4			L. A. Bangle	Reepsville
Gastonia II	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	J. V. Fisher	Gastonia				J. V. Fisher	Gastonia

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, 1901.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Building & Repairs.	Associatio'l Missions.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects	Poor.	TOTAL.
Belmont	$ 125 00	$	$ 75	$	$	$ 10 00	$ 5 00	$	$	$ 4 00	$	$	$	$ 144 75
Bessemer City			1 30	486 00		8 00		7 00						500 30
Bethel	40 00	4 00	25			2 55				2 00				48 80
Brnington			76		15 00		4 00	10 00		4 00	3 00	61 25		98 01
Catawba			40		10 00					1 50				11 90
Dallas	120 00	65 00	50	112 00	1 00	5 00	2 00		5 00	10 00			10 00	330 50
Gastonia	1032 00	392 00	2 00	1826 00	50 00			168 76	10 00	88 37	5 00		11 05	3585 18
Hebron														
Hickory Grove			1 30		6 00			8 25	1 00	3 25	50	22 89	1 35	44 04
Hickory	838 00	78 65	1 30	3508 37	11 85	37 47	29 80	23 55	12 60	47 91	13 10		10 32	4656 92
Kids' Chapel		10 30	95	48 76	5 00	4 00	2 62	5 81	5 00	19 30	1 82			103 56
Leonard's Fork	60 00		85		2 00	2-00	1 50	1 50	1 00					68 00
Lebanon														
Lincolnton	100 00	30 00	60	260 00	10 00	25 00	8 00	8 00	195 00	33 30				669 90
Link's Chapel	45 00		50		1 60	1 05	2 00							49 55
Long Creek		15 00	1 00			3 00	1 00	1 00		1 10				22 10
Lowell	200 00	70 00	2 00		10 00	15 00	3 00	7 00	5 00	8 00				320 00
Long Shoals	60 00		45			2 00	3 00	5 00						70 45
Macedonia	45 00	8 00	20			2 00	2 00			2 58				61 58
Maiden	150 00	12 00	1 70	6 00	2 00	2 90	4 50	6 00		6 00	2 25	18 00		201 35
Mcadenville	200 00	56 82	85	596 45	16 93	16 50	10 00	10 00					52 80	959 50
Mt. Grove	100 00		75		6 00	3 00	4 00			4 43				118 18
Mt. Holly			1 04											1 04
Mt. Ruhama	125 00	7 82	1 83		2 75	3 65	2 00	2 00						145 05
Mt. Zion	125 00	36 55	1 00	83 60		1 00	8 00	10 00		2 00				257 15
Newton	75 00	4 86	1 35		4 00	4 90	4 55	3 45	2 90	25 14	3 05	15 00	12 59	156 79
Olivet	125 00	60 00	1 00	173 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	1 50	3 00	1 50	10 00		391 00
Providence	25 00		50	1 00	1 00			1 00		70				29 20
Providence II	30 00		80			1 60				2 00				34 40
Penelope	25 00		50		4 00		1 25	3 00	1 00	7 00	1 00			42 75
River View	84 00		70		5 00	4 00	5 00	6 00						104 70
Salem	50 00	6 00	65	2 00	6 40	1 00		2 00		1 00				68 65
Sandy Plains	150 00	50	1 70		5 00	3 61	3 00		1 42	3 50				168 73
Startown					3 35	1 00	1 00	1 00						6 35
Thessalonica	30 00	12 00	50		60		1 25			1 25				45 60
Warlick's Chapel	60 00	20	1 00		3 00		1 00	1 20		3 00				69 40
Reepsville			40	87 20	1 72	1 75						1 75		92 82
Gastonia II		1 75	25					7 00						9 00
TOTALS	$3969 00	$861 45	$31 63	$7190 38	$188 60	$154 98	$112 47	$283 52	$241 42	$284 03	$31 22	$128 89	$107 11	$19627 20

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—STATISTICAL TABLE, 1901.

CHURCHES.	Constituted	ADDITIONS				DIMINUTN'S				MEMBERSHIH.			SUNDAY SCH'S			C'H PROP'Y	
		Baptiz'd	Letter.	Restor'd	Total.	Letter	Exclu'd	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total.	Officers & Tchrs	Pupils.	Total.	Seating Capac'y	Value
Belmont	1874	9	2	.	11	6	..	1	7	35	47	83	5	25	30	400	$ 500
Bessemer City	1897	28	15	..	43	4	..	..	4	33	50	83	....	....	123	....	.....
Bethel	1895	1	4	..	5	...	1	1	2	21	32	53	3	30	33	300	500
Bruington	1853	2	8	1	11	3	3	..	6	33	55	88	6	40	46	350	400
Catawba	1875	4	3	..	7	1	..	..	1	15	28	43	....	.. .	....	....	.....
Dallas	1879	...	5	..	5	4	..	..	4	15	23	38	5	40	45	400	1200
Gastonia	1884	10	46	1	57	68	4	2	74	98	177	275	12	300	312	600	10000
Hebron	1883	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	39	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Hickory Grove	1873	5	6	1	12	1	2	2	5	80	83	163	7	41	48	....	300
Hickory	1870	8	21	..	29	7	5	1	13	75	112	187	24	232	256	....	. ....
Kids' Chapel	1872	6	1	..	7	3	2	..	5	40	75	115	.....	....	72	....	.....
Leonard's Fork	1882	2	...	1	3	3	4	..	4	21	44	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	1853	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lincolnton	1859	4	10	1	15	5	2	..	7	18	40	58	5	35	40	300	3000
Link's Chapel	1884	3	2	..	5	2	12	..	14	18	18	36	..	....	....	....	.....
Long Creek	1772	10	4	..	14	6	..	..	6	40	60	100	.....	....	...	600	1000
Lowell	1892	4	33	..	37	...	...	...	...	53	67	120	.....	.....	....	400	1000
Long Shoals	1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	17	32	....	....	....	....	.....
Macedonia	1869	8	...	1	9	3	23	..	26	56	83	139	4	36	40	450	500
Maiden	1891	7	6	..	13	4	..	4	8	85	125	210	12	71	83	500	900
McAdenville	1887	9	12	5	26	20	5	7	32	85	125	210	18	220	238	400	950
Mt. Grove	1881	...	...	...	...	2	..	1	3	33	49	82	3	60	63	350	400
Mt. Holly	1890	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	47	154	151	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Mt. Ruhama	1816	18	...	1	19	2	3	..	5	91	146	237	11	80	91	300	500
Mt. Zion	1869	6	3	..	9	8	1	..	9	....	....	229	13	125	130	....	.....
Newton	1882	9	9	..	18	3	..	1	4	22	23	45	7	80	88	375	1800
Olivet	1833	19	15	..	34	10	..	1	11	79	132	211	8	80	88	300	600
Providence	1852	...	5	..	5	2	..	..	2	7	25	32	.....	....	..	200	100
Providence II	1878	8	2	..	10	1	..	1	2	19	37	56	4	40	44	....	.....
Penelope	1888	...	1	1	2	1	..	2	3	13	20	33	...	....	....	400	800
River View	1897	15	11	..	26	5	..	1	6	30	51	81	10	130	140	....	.....
Salem	1847	5	8	1	14	7	1	1	9	43	80	123	.....	....	....	400	600
Sandy Plains	1863	2	...	1	3	3	1	2	6	44	62	106	9	50	59	300	650
Startown	1896	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	2	10	12	....	....	....	....	.....
Thessalonica	1830	6	...	..	6	...	...	...	...	26	28	54	.....	.....	..	....	.....
Warlick's Chapel	1815	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8	33	80	113	4	23	27	....	.....
Reepsville	1899	13	3	..	16	...	...	...	...	11	14	25	....	...	....	400	150
Gastonia II	1901	12	10	..	22	1	..	..	1	20	35	55	....	....	....	....	.....
TOTAL		234	245	15	494	185	73	32	290	1381	2246	3851	170	1738	1908	7675	$25650

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—Treasurer' Report

Gastonia, N. C., October 24th, 1901.

To Cash received at last Association	$424 88		
By Cash paid out since last Association		$426 51	
To Cash received since last Association	138 73		
By Cash paid out since last Association		77 39	
		$563 61	503 90
To balance on hand	$ 59 71		

Of this amount:

$43 39 belongs to Associational Missions.
4 50 belongs to Home Missions.
6 82 belongs to Ministers' Relief Fund.
3 00 belongs to Delegate Fund.
2 00 helongs to Minute Fund.

$59 71

I have paid to our Missionaries during the year $52 39, as per statement below:—

Rev. D. P. Bridges	$25 88	
Rev. C. M. Murchison	14 51	
Rev. C. E. Beaver	4 00	
Rev. B. L. Hoke	8 00	$52 39

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. Moore, Treasurer.

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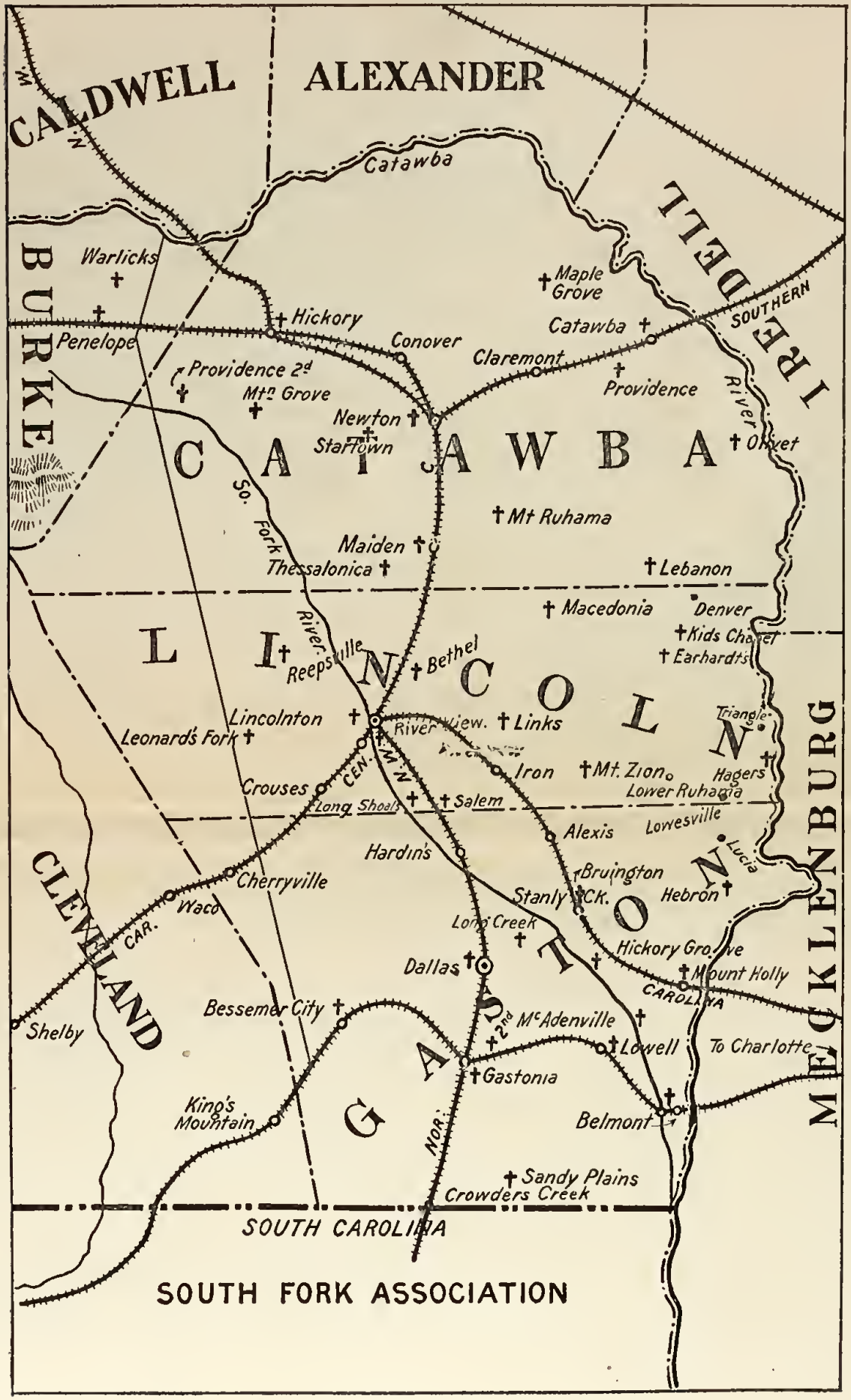
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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. A. Graham, W. C. Mullen, J. R. Underwood,
J. D. Moore, E. S. Whisnant.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

FIRST—Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, McAdensville, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Lowell, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains, Gastonia II, Spencer Mountain.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Salem, High Shoals, Link's Chapel, Mt. Zion, Kid's Chapel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Maiden, Cedar Grove, Mt. Ruhama, Webb's Chapel, Bethel, River View, Leonard's Fork, Long Shoals.

THIRD—Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mt. Grove, Penelope, Startown.

The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday, 1 P. M.

The South Fork Baptist Association, in its twenty-fourth annual session, convened with McAdensville church, Gaston county, October 23rd, 1902, at 1 o'clock P. M.

W. A. Graham called the body to order and conducted the devotional exercises.

J. D. Moore and C. M. Murchison were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Belmont—J. P. Stowe, J. A. McNight, W. A. Abee.

Bethel—W. C. Mullen.

Bruington—A. Hovis, J. Hovis, J. F. Welsh.

Catawba—J. S. Bridges.

Dallas—A. R. Holland, J. M. Shuford.

Gastonia—J. S. Torrence, T. C. Wilson, M. T. Saunders, W. F. Watson, B. M. Bridges.

Hebron—J. M. Pressley, S. L. Bolinger, C. M. Ervin.

Hickory Grove—F. Abernethy, M. Flowers, E. C. Rankin, J. W. Rumfelt, J. F. Abernethy.

Hickory—W. R. Gwaltney, C. A. Carrier, A. L. Ramsaur.

Kid's Chapel—W. A. Graham, Wm. A. Whitener.

Leonard's Fork—Lawson Houser, Wm. Ingle, J. W. Hoover.

Lebanon—E. Litten.

Lincolnton—D. P. Bridges, P. W. Bangle.

Link's Chapel—L. A. Abernathy.

Long Creek—J. W. Kirksey, W. L. Smith, L. L. Flowers.

Lowell—J. R. Underwood, T. E. Shuford, J. W. Handsil, R. L. Parker, J. A. Featherston.

Long Shoals—By letter only.

Macedonia—G. S. Mullen, John McAllister.

Maiden—J. A. Hoyle, J. Abernathy, E. S. Whisnant, J. H. Whisnant

McAdensville—T. A. Turner, J. D. Moose, J. N. Walker, J. L. Webb, J. T. McCauley.

Mt. Grove—C. Baker, J. B. Rockett, J. F. Abernathy.

Mt. Holly—A. L. D. Bumgarner, J. W. Bumgarner, J. B. Dunn, J. D. Howe.

Mt. Ruhama—J. P. Drum.

Mt. Zion—D. C. Long, J. L. Hoover, E. V. Sentre, W. B. McLure.

Newton—W. W. Bridges, J. W. Watson.

Olivet—J. T. Ervin, W. W. Ervin.

Providence—By letter only.

Providence II—By letter only.

Penelope—C. M. Murchison, I. M. Hilderbrand.

River View—J. Anthony, G. L. Long.

Salem—G. I. Paysour, J. B. Abernethy.

Sandy Plains—W. E. Beatty, R. Mortin.

Startown—By letter only.

Warlick's Chapel—A. J. Cook.

Reepsville—S. Lail.

Gastonia II—G. W. Bowman, L. A. Smith, G. L. Chenny, J. A. White, J. V. Fisher.

Cedar Grove—By letter only.

High Shoals—By letter only.

Spencer Mountain—W. Pennington.

Webb's Chapel—J. D. Woodward, L. Carpenter.

The Association then organized by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator; D. P. Bridges, Clerk, and W. C. Mullen, Treasurer. J. D. Moore and E. S. Whisnant were elected members of the Executive Board to serve three years.

Cedar Grove, High Shoals and Spencer Mountain, all new churches, brought requests to be received into the Association. Their Articles of Faith having been found orthordox, they were received. Webb's Chapel was received by letter from the King's Mountain Association. The following visitors and correspondents were received: J. W.

Cobb, Biblical Recorder; J. D. Bowen, of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association; C. E. Beaver, of South Yadkin Association; J. Pruett, of Catawba River Association. T. B. Phillips, G. L. Cheney, J. W. Watson and J. D. Woodward, new pastors in our bounds, were introduced to the body. The report of committe on South Fork Institute was read as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL SCHOOL.

The committee on Associational School, appointed at the last meeting of this Association, and intrusted with the work of looking into the matter of establishing, locating, building and equipping a school of high grade to be operated within the bounds of the South Fork Association, submit the following report;

IMPORTANCE OF THE ENTERPRISE.—The importance of this movement, and the great good to come to the Association from its establishment and successful operation, at once appealed to the good judgment of the committee as it seemed to do the great mass of our people assembled at Olivet. The need seemed to us imperative, and longer delay must be attended with correspondingly great loss to the youth of our territory, and to the churches in educational advantages and trained men and women to conduct the affairs of our work on a high plane in the years to come.

LOCATION.—The next thing to consider on the part of the committee was that of location. To locate the school improperly would be to impair its usefulness through all the years to come. The great questions of accessibility, health, moderation in expense of living, all came in for a due part of consideration. The committee, after thoroughly canvassing the situation, aided by the Executive Board of the Association, and all the pastors present, decided, by a unanimous vote, that a majority of the churches concuring, the school would be located at Maiden for the following well defined reasons:

First, Maiden is about the geographical center of our territory. Second, A beautiful site comprising two or more

acres had been offered by the Union Cotton Mills, commanding a proud elevation, just suited, in the judgment of the committee, for school purposes. Third, Maiden promised in addition to this to add $600 in cash, and Olivet and Mt. Ruhama each promised $100 on condition that the school be located in Maiden. Fourth, The local patronage, while not appealing strongly to the committee, yet did offer some inducements. Fifth, The health of the locality was said to be especially good. Sixth, The matter of living reduced to a minimum. All these considerations influenced the committee to name Maiden as the place for the Associational School. At the Union at Kid's Chapel in March, and in June at a largely attended meeting of the committee in Maiden, the work of locating the school was ratified by all present, and correspondence from the churches indicated that the committee's course had been approved.

THE BUILDING.—In July the committee met to let the contract and arrange for the construction of the building. The house is now inclosed and covered and will be completed by the first of the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.—First, That this session appoint a board of trustees consisting of not less than twelve members, distributed equitably over the territory, and that the completion of the building and permanent management of the school be placed in their hands, and that the Association clothe the board with all necessary power to accomplish the work.

Second, That the body put itself on record as being thoroughly in sympathy with the work already done and by a rising vote endorse the action of the committee in locating and building up to the present time, and that their honorable body dismiss them from service, after all matters pertaining to the school work shall have been turned over to the board of trustees.

W. F. WATSON,
J. A. HOYLE,
B. L. HOKE,
A. J. COOK,
J. S. BRIDGES.

The report was discussed by W. F. Watson and J. A. Hoyle.

The report was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed to nominate a board or trustees for South Fork Institute: W. R. Gwaltney, W. W. Bridges, J. R. Underwood, Jacob Abernathy and Calvin Baker.

The usual committees were announced by the Moderator whose names will appear with their reports.

W. R. Gwaltney was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. A. Hoyle, alternate.

J. A. Hoyle, W. F. Watson and D. W. Thompson were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

W. F. Watson was elected a member of the State Mission Board for this Association.

The Temperance resolution was read by the Clerk and the roll of churches called to see if the churches were keeping the resolution.

The pastor and delegates of McAdenville church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney till 7:30 tonight.

Thursday Night, 7.30.

The Association met and J. W. Watson preached the Introductory Sermon from I Timothy i:15. The Association then adjourned till 9.30 tomorrow morning.

Friday, 9.30 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by G. L. Chenny.

The Moderator then called the body together and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

C. S. Cashwell was received as a visitor from the Green River Association.

The list of churches was called to see if the amount prom-

ised to Baptist Female University will be raised. The responses show that the $225 promised will be paid.

The report of the committee to nominate board of trustees for South Fork Institute recommended the following brethren: W. A. Graham, W. W. Bridges, O. Brown, J. A. Hoyle, J. D. Elliott, D. P. Bridges, W. H. Hoover, W. F. Watson, J. D. Moore, B. L. Hoke, W. B. McLure, W. C. Mullen and E. S. Whisnant. The report was adopted.

W. R. Gwaltney, T. M. Hufham and J. D. Elliott were appointed a committee to secure a charter for the South Fork Institute.

Warlick's Chapel was granted a letter of dismission to join the Catawba River Association.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and discussed by J. D. Moore and C. S. Cashwell.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following report:

We would urge upon the pastors and church workers of this Association the great importance of not only organizing a school in all their churches where one does not now exist, but that they be made evergreen, so that in the report of the churches at our next Association we will not be pained to hear from some: "Six to eight months," and from others no report at all. If parents could be made to realize the great importance of teaching the Scriptures to their children, and filling their minds and hearts with the precepts and examples of our blessed Lord and Master, they surely would do all within their power to make the Sunday School interesting and efficient. A church without a Sunday School is shorn of a great force in prosecuting its work, and, soon or late, will die from lack of exertion.

Your committee is especially pleased to note a great increase in conversions from the Sunday Schools during the past year, and fully believe that with more efficient workers —men and women—to teach, who are filled with the Spirit,

and who make salvation of their pupils the prime object of their teaching, we will have such reports coming up to us from all over this territory that our hearts will be made to rejoice, and all Israel to shout for joy.

J. D. MOORE,
J. W. BUMGARNER,
W. A. WHITENER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report on Education was read as follows:

EDUCATION.

Wake Forest College, for more than half a century, has been the pride of the denomination, and under God has possibly done more than any other agency to give us prestige and standing before the people. The large enrollment for the present session indicates that the old college is still very near the hearts of our people and deserves to be the recipient of the hearty co-operation of all our people.

The Baptist Female University has had a phenomenal career, and more than demonstrates the wisdom of the denomination in locating, building and opening the institution. The debt now on the institution should be speedily liquidated and this wonderful school be emancipated.

The South Fork Baptist Institute, the youngest member of our Associational family, is destined in the near future, to figure conspicuously in all the work of the Association. The committee would modestly recommend that the churches of the Association take this institution upon their hearts and consciences and extend, in the hour of its greatest need, the helping hand, and make its early opening, under most favorable conditions, a possibility.

W. F. WATSON,
A. J. COOK,
J. P. STOWE,
Committee.

The report was discussed by W. F. Marshall and W. R. Gwaltney, and then laid on the table till afternoon.

A. C. Barron from Charlotte was received as a visitor.

The body adjourned one hour and a half for dinner.

Friday, 1.30 P. M.

The Moderator called the body to order and W. B. McLure offered prayer.

A. Johnson, of the orphanage, was welcomed as a visitor.

The report on Education was again taken up and discussed by J. D. Moore and laid on the table till tomorrow afternoon.

The following report on Periodicals was offered:

PERIODICALS.

There never was a time when the subject of religious literature should receive more serious consideration than at this stage of our history. A people who read, think, and he who thinks right will act right. We must have a clear and more general knowledge of our denominational work, so we must read something that gives no uncertain sound.

Therefore, we recommend the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our convention; North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, Foreign Mission Journal and the Baptist Worker, published by Rev. B. L. Hoke, of McAdenville, N. C., our associational paper.

Submitted by the committee,

J. A. HOYLE,
Chairman.

The report was spoken to by J. W. Cobb, A. Johnson and B. L. Hoke.

The report was adopted.

W. R. Gwaltney read the following report on Woman's Work and it was discussed by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and A. C. Barron.

The report was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Paul recognized and acknowledged Christian women as

helpers with him in the Gospel. He tells of a Tryphena, a Tryphosa, a Persis, a Phœba and a Priscilla, who labored with him in the Gospel. The Woman's Missionary Societies in North Carolina last year raised for missions nearly $10,000. In the South, they reported to our Convention in Asheville last May, $34,787.17 to Foreign Missions; $19,510.48, to Home Missions; $487.87, to Sunday School Board; $1,000, to the Church Building Fund. Boxes to frontier Mission, valued at $33,350.

In view of the above facts, your committee most earnestly ask the Association to recommend to the churches the importance of such organizations and that the pastors will give the sisters all the encouragement and assistance needed.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
W. F. WATSON,
C. M. MURCHISON.

C. S. Cashwell made a statement of the situation at Marion and took a collection for the Pastor's Home at that place amounting to $8.25.

A. C. Barron led in prayer for the work at Marion.

The Association adjourned till 7.30 tonight.

Friday, 7.30 P. M.

The Moderator called the body to order and J. D. Woodward offered prayer.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney and A. C. Barron.

The report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our missionaries on the foreign field baptized twice as many last year as during any previous year in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. The reports for the last quarter show that baptisms are counted by the hundreds. All nations, papal and pagan, are being prepared of God by the thousands to recieve the Gospel. On every

field stands a wide open door. The fields are all ripe unto the harvest. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. God is calling men and women to go and they are begging to be sent. They are yearning to preach the gospel to the perishing millions, but how can they preach except they be sent? The great need is more liberal giving and more earnest prayer. O, that every member of the South Fork Association wouid hear God's call to this work, His greatest work known to angels and to men. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life." And after dying for the sins of the world he said, "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

"Go, and Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

W. R. GWALTNEY.

The Association then adjourned till tomorrow 9 A. M.

Saturday, 9.00 A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and J. D. Bowen conducted the devotion.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

W. F. Fry and S. F. Conrad were received as visitors.

The Treasurer submitted the following report which was adopted.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—TREASURERS' REPORT.

Lincolnton, N. C., October 23rd, 1902.

To cash received from J. D. Moore	$59 71	
To cash received at last Association	459 76	
By cash paid out since last Association		$519 47
To cash received since last Association	$53 69	
By cash paid out since last Association		52 69
To balance on hand	$1 00	

This belongs to Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MULLEN, Treasurer.

The report on State Missions and of work by the Executive Committee were read and discussed by W. A. Graham, W. F. Watson and others.

The matter of selling the house of worship at Maple Grove was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Association instructed the Executive Committee to lay out our work for next year on a basis of one thousand dollars.

The report of both committees were adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board operates within the bounds of our own State. It is trying to supply the destitute sections with the Gospel, and help weak churches to become self-supporting. It's motto is a self-supporting Baptist Church in every community within the bounds of the State. To accomplish this the Board needs men and means.

The Board must look to God for the men and to the denomination for the support of its missionaries.

The Board can do only what the denomination enables it to do, and we should rally around it and help it to carry on the work with success.

This work appeals to us because it is at our homes and for our own people. It appeals to us because of what has been accomplished in the past and the work now to be done. It's greatest appeal is the need of the work. In helping State Missions we help all the enterprises of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. THOMASON.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MISSIONARIES EMPLOYED.

J. W. Watson, Maple Grove and Catawba Springs	$112.50
C. E. Beaver, Reepsville	35.00
J. A. Hoyle, High Shoals and Lebanon	27.50
D. P. Bridges, Crouse	50.00
J. W. Griffin, Thessalonica, $25.00, Bost's School House, $16.66	41.66

P. W. Bangle, Lebanon, $16.66, Alexis, $18.75 ... 34.41

$301.07

Received $255.61

Balance due .... $ 45.46

Bro. Watson reports attendance on his services as good.

At Crouse a house is nearly completed and a church will be organized soon.

At Reepsville the membership is over doubled and it is not expected to need aid more than another year.

At High Shoals a church is organized and lot secured and material for a house is being collected.

At Bost's School house a church is organized, lot secured and a house in sight.

At Lebanon there has been a Union house. A lot has been secured, the material for house collected and it is now being erected.

At Alexis, services will not be continued here as the brethren of the neighborhood object to organization.

There has been missionary work in the Association by other ministers who deserve compensation for their services, but there are no funds to pay them.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. CRAHAM,
W. C. MULLEN,
J. R. UNDERWOOD.

The report on the Orphanage was read and discussed by A. Johnson.

The body then adjourned until 1:30 for dinner.

Saturday, 1.30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by E. S. Whisnant.

The report on the Orphanage was again taken up and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney and others.

The report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

There are at present more than 200 children at the orphanage, and within a few weeks there will be at least 40 more. The increase is due to Bro. J. R. Durham, of Charlotte, who has just completed a dormitory for boys, which is a memorial to his mother, who has passed into the skies. It is a glorious monument because of the service to humanity it will render through years to come.

The general condition of the institution is excelleut, but our churches and Sunday Schools must increase their contributions or the institution can not meet its expenses. Forty additional orphans will mean an additional expense of $200 a month.

The economy with which the institution is managed has always been a striking feature of the work. $4.75 a month maintains an orphan, and this includes all the salaries of all the employees.

The orphanage plant is worth $50,000. There are four departments of work at the institution, all doing well.

The farm, which pays a handsome dividend, is a great blessing to the orphanage. The boys are provided with wholesome and useful work, and their labor is very valuable, especially in gathering the crops.

The paper is very prosperous, and pays a yearly profit of $1,000 to the orphanage work.

The Mills shop is not running on full time for the lack of water, but it is well equipped and will soon pay expenses.

A new shoe shop has been established which furnishes still another avenue of usefulness to the boys.

The moral tone of the community is high and wholesome. Many of the children are Christians. All are earnestly taught the word of God.

We urge upon our churches the necessity of enlarging

this contribution to meet the necessary needs of the work.

J. W. WATSON,
G. S. MULLEN,
T. A. TURNER.

The report on Education was again taken up and spoken to by W. F. Fry.

The report was adopted.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was read and discussed by B. L. Hoke.

The report was adopted.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your committee believes that there is no object more worthy of our hearty support than that of our Old Ministers, who have done hard and faithful work during a long life of sacrifice and hardships; and who now are not able to make the trips and do the hard work of former days.

Therefore, we recommend that every church remember these brethren when they go to make collections for the various objects of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
B. L. HOKE,
J. W. GRIFFIN,
J. W. KIRKSEY.

The Finance Committee offered the following report which was adopted.

FINANCES.

Minute Fund	$ 26.17
Association Mission	132.26
State Mission	55.08
Home Mission	49.78
Foreign Mission	65.69
Education	6.85
Orphanage	56.47
Ministers' Relief	13.43
Female University	61.65

Associational School..... ... 15.95

Total.....$482.48

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. Shuford,
E. S. Whisnant,
W. C. Mullen.

A collection was taken for the Minute Fund amounting to $3.33.

The committee on Place and Preacher of next meeting report: Maiden as the place, W. R. Gwaltney the preacher, D. P. Bridges, alternate.

The report was adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to this church for its hospitality and to C. & N-W. Railroad for reduced rates.

Saturday, 7.30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by W. F. Fry.

The Moderator called the body to order and the report on Home Missions was read and discussed by C. M. Murchison, D. P. Bridges, W. F. Fry.

The report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

Fifty years ago when the Southern Baptist Convention was organized and the Home Mission Board was formed, the Baptists of the South were but a handful of its population. Their entire numbers, including both black and white, did not exceed 450,000, of whom about 250,000 were white, and 200,000 were blacks. Within that half of a century, notwithstanding the desolation of the Civil War, they have so increased that they now number no less than 4,000,000, about equally divided among the races.

In other respects the progress of our denomination has been more wonderful than its increase of numbers.

It is no longer the ignorant, bigoted, narrow minded sect many then considered it. It has risen intellectually,

socially and financially to the front rank among the great denominations of the land. It numbers among its membership not a few men of whose scholarship and ability and eloquence any denomination might be proud.

Our flourishing colleges are found in every State. We have denominational newspapers without stint. Our Sunday School publications are models of their kind. Our Theological Seminary stands peerless on this or any other continent. Among the agencies that have affected this enlargement of numbers, this uplifting of our people, this increase of our strength, the Home Mission Board has been no inconsiderable part.

We have among our white people about 19,000 churches. Of these 3,000 have been organized by missionaries of the Home Mission Board. We have about 4,000,000 baptized believers—of these more than 225,000 have been brought into the churches by missionaries of the Home Mission Board.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that one sixth of our church organizations and one-seventh of our membership is due to the work of the Home Mission Board

The American Baptist Home Mission Society was organized 1832, and the Baptists of the Southern states were constituent members of that Society until the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1845. In the thirteen years they acted with the Society their contributions amounted to $38,656.40. In the first thirteen years under the influence of the Home Mission Board they contributed to Home Missions alone $256,356.13, about seven times as much.

The report of the Board 1892 deals with some interesting facts. In the ten years preceding, it had built upon its fields 900 houses of worship. It had acquired and held property worth $100,000. It had acquired the property now held by the Sunday School Board worth $50,000.

In these years it had sent out 2,700 missionaries, who had orgnnized 2,000 churches and added 67,000 members to their fellowship.

The Home Board has assisted the church in every capital city in the South except one—Frankfort, Ky.

In our own State the following cities and towns have been aided: Raleigh, Charlotte, Edenton, Goldsboro, Asheville, Greensboro, Salisbury, Chapel Hill, Warrenton, Henderson, Mayesville, Bryson City and Murphy. Not only in the towns but much aid has been extended to the county districts.

The work among the Indians has been marvelous indeed. In the five tribes of the Indian Territory there are as many Baptist churches and preachers in proportion to the population as there is in North Carolina.

Cuba is one of the fields of this Board which has received wonderful blessings from Almighty God.

In our own State, at present, $5,000 is being expended; $3,000 among schools in the mountains and $2,000 in the factory villages.

The departments of work are five, viz: Native population, Foreign population, Indians, Negroes and the Cubans.

C. M. MURCHISON,
M. E. BEATY,
W. P. RHONEY.

A collection for Foreign Missions was taken amounting to $3.75.

The Association adjourned to meet with Maiden church on Thursday, 1 P. M., before the last Sunday in October, 1903.

D. P. BRIDGES, Clerk. W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator.

Sunday, 9.30 A. M.

There was a Sunday School meeting conducted by W. A. Graham and speeches were made by W. A. Graham, J. D. Moore and W. C. Mullen.

The Sunday School collection was taken for Associational Missions amounting to $3.56.

At 11 A. M. W. R. Gwaltney preached and a collection for Associational Missions was taken amounting to $9.10. C. M. Murchison preached at the M. E. church and a collection for same object as above was taken amounting to $2.58.

OBITUARY.

JOSEPH ALEXANDER BOLIVER LAFAYETTE HURLY.

Joseph Alexander Boliver LaFayette Hurly, was born in Montgomery County, in the Mt. Gilead neighborhood, September 15th, 1851.

His earliest moral and religious impressions were received at the hands of an older brother, Elias Hurly, a life-long and much honored member of the M. E. church South.

The subject of this sketch, however, in the diligent study of God's word became an uncompromising Baptist and ever had the courage of his convictions in contending for the faith, even to the point, at times, of being misunderstood and misrepresented, for he possessed a kind and gentle disposition, a genial manner, but an earnestness in presenting the truth as he understood it amounting to abruptness, in the minds of those opposed to his views.

He first united with the Waxhaw Baptist church in 1876 and was baptized by Eld. J. A. Bennett.

He was happily united in marriage to Miss Ursula Jordan, daughter of Rev. James Jordon, an old fashioned Baptist preacher, October 15th, 1876. To this union eleven children were born, all of whom, with the mother, survive him.

He was not a success in the matter of accumulating money, but no man of my acquaintance had a keener sense of responsibility resting upon him as a father and the executive head of a promising family, and to this great work he devoted his time and energies, and it became the subject of common remark that his household was well ordered and his children under remarkably good control.

He was scrupulously careful for the good name of his

church. The First Baptist church of Gastonia elected him deacon soon after I took charge of the church, but he declined to be ordained, saying that he would be just as serviceable without the imposition of hands and that he might do something unbecoming a deacon.

After the organization of the Second church they tried in vain to press this office upon him, feeling that no one more worthy could be found in their ranks.

He met his fate in February, while on his way to Lowell to meet a much loved sister, and thus unexpectedly was ushered into the happier circle of the redeemed host.

W. F. WATSON.

Some of Our Growth During the Year.

This has been a year of remarkable growth. The baptisms exceed that of any previous year. At Gastonia, Hebron, Lowell, McAdensville, Mt. Ruhama, Mt. Zion, Newton, River View, Salem, Thessalonica, Warlick's Chapel, Reepsville and Gastonia II, there has been a large increase by baptism, ranging from ten to forty-six at a church. Besides at Cedar Grove, Spencer Mountain and other mission points large numbers have been baptized.

Three new churches have been organized within our bounds. One at Cedar Grove (Bost School House). One at High Shoals, and one at Spencer Mountain.

There has been a normal growth at most of our churches throughout the Association.

We now number over 4,000. When twenty years ago we had only 1,200. We are rapidly taking the country for God and the Baptist.

There has been new houses built at Hickory and at Crouse. Thessalonica, and other churches have repaired their houses. There are underway new houses at Cedar Grove, Spencer Mountain, High Shoals and Gastonia II.

Our prospects at our mission points are very encouraging.

We have had underway an Associational School this

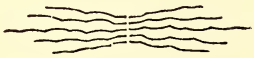
year which has been located at Maiden. The house is well underway and we expect to complete it in the near future. It will cost, when completed and furnished, something like $4,000.

We have given about $225 to the Baptist Female University located at Raleigh.

All this has been done in addition to carrying on our regular work.

Now let each church lay itself out for greater work during the next year and look to God for his blessing on us and we will go to Maiden next year with a better report than this year.

CLERK.



CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one group to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, at 1:00 P. M., the Introductory Sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

Rules of Order.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' names shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Ministers' Relief, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9:30 A. M.; adjourn at 12:30 P. M.; meet at 1:30 P. M.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Temperance Resolution. (1881.)

RESOLVED, First, We recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

RESOLVED, Second, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886.)

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PREACHING.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.	POST OFFICE.
Belmont	Gaston	D. W. Thomason	Belmont	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	2 4	D. W. Thomason	Belmont	Laura Stowe	Belmont
Bethel	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	1	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	B. Blackburn	Lincolnton
Bruington	Gaston	J. D. Bowen	Charlotte	V. Q. Morris	Stanley	2	J. F. Welsh	Stanley	D. F. Hovis	Stanley
Catawba	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	1	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	D. L. Wike	Catawba
Dallas	Gaston	W. M. Flanders	Charlotte	C. S. Stowe	Dallas	4	A. R. Holland	Dallas	J. Brown	Dallas
Gastonia	Gaston	W. F. Watson	Gastonia	J. D. Moore, Jr	Gastonia	Ev Sun	L. L. Jenkins	Gastonia	M. T. Saunders	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	C. M. Ervin	Mountain Island	J. M. Presley	Mountain Island		J. M. Pressley	M't'n Island	J. M. Pressley	Mt. Holly
Hickory Grove	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	McAdensville	G. W. Rumfelt	McAdensville	2	M. A. Baldwin	M'Adenville	L. Abernathy	Mt. Holly
Hickory	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev Sun	J. G. Carrier	Hickory	C. Rockett	Hickory
Kids' Chapel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	1	G. N. Noles	Kidsville	Eunice Whitener	Kidsville
Leonard's Fork	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover	Cronse	4	W. H. Hoover	Crouse	Ethel Houser	Lincolnton
Lebanon	Catawba	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	E. Litten	Chronicle	3			E. Litten	Chronicle
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Bridges	Lincolnton	2 3	J. L. Wilkie	Lincolnton	Florence Finch	Lincolnton
Link's Chapel	Lincoln			L. A. Abernathy	Machpelah				Lucy Goodson	Machpelah
Long Creek	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Gastonia	L. A. Holland	Dallas	3			J. W. Kirksey	Dallas
Lowell	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	McAdensville	J. B. Hester	Lowell	1 2	J. R. Underwood	Lowell	J. Hendricks	Lowell
Long Shoals	Lincoln	J. B. Bridges	Shelby	H. A. Harrill	Long Shoals	1			H. A. Harrill	Long Shoals
Macedonia	Lincoln	W. B. McLure	Alexis	J. Mullen	Derr	1			B. Lawing	Derr
Maiden	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	4	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	Mrs. J. C. Whitesides	Maiden
McAdensville	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	McAdensville	J. N. Walker	McAdensville	2 4	J. N. Walker	M'Adenville	J. N. Walker	M'Adenville
Mt. Grove	Catawba	W. R. Beech	Granite Falls	W. Whisnant	Hickory	3			J. B. Rockett	Hickory
Mt. Holly	Gaston	J. D. Bowen	Charlotte	J. D. Howie	Mt. Holly	3	J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly	J. W. Baumgarner	Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. J. Caldwell	Loretta	4	R. Williams	Loretta	Mamie Barker	Loretta
Mt. Zion	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. S. Hager	Alexis	3			J. L. Hoover	Alexis
Newton	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	P. M. Moll	Newton	2	G. W. Cochrane	Newton	Mary Bridges	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle;	Maiden	J. T. Ervin	Shawnee	2	O. Brown	Long Shoals	J. S. Wah	Long Island
Providence	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	Abernathy's	Martha Wilkie	Catawba	1			H. C. Hewitt	Catawba
Providence II	Catawba	J. Rector	Morganton	R. L. Asherbraner	Hayseed	2			James Brittain	Chestnut
Penelope	Burke	I. W. Thomas	Lenoir	D. R. Murchison	Penelope	1			Mrs. Murchison	Penelope
River View	Lincoln	A. C. Ervin	Pearl	E. C. Huss	Lincolnton	2	A. L. Cline	Lincoln Mill	G. M. Haynes	Lincolnton
Salem	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	C. F. Clanton	Iron Station	3	R. B. Harrill	Lincolnton	R. Harrill	Lincolnton
Sandy Plains	Gaston	J. C. Gilespie	Waco	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia				N. A. Jenkins	Begonia
Startown	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	Mrs. W. L. Killian	Startown	4			Mrs. Killian	Startown
Thessalonica	Catawba	J. W. Griffin	Maiden	W. M. Ramsaur	Yoder	1			W. P. Rhoney	Jacob's Fork
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	I. W. Thomas	Lenoir	A. J. Cook	Penelope	1	A. J. Cook	Penelope		
Reepsville	Lincoln	C. E. Beaver	Abernathy's	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	2	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville
Gastonia II	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	O. L. Wagstaff	Gastonia	4	J. V. Fisher	Gastonia	O. L. Wagstaff	Gastonia
Cedar Grove	Catawba	J. W. Griffin	Maiden	A. Lutz	Maiden	2			A. Lutz	Maiden
High Shoals	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	C. J. Schrum	High Shoals	3			C. J. Schrum	High Shoals
Spencer Mountain	Gaston	J. D. Woodward	Gastonia	A. Stowe	Lowell	2			Arthur Stowe	Spencer Mt.
Webb's Chapel	Gaston	J. D. Woodward	Gastonia						B. Carpenter	Crouse

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, 1902.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses.	Minute Fund.	Building & Repairs.	Associational State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions. Board	Foreign Missions. Gospel	Education.	Orphanage.	Minister's Relief.	Other Objects.	Poor.	Schools.	TOTAL.
Belmont	$ 125 00	$ 9 00	75	$	12 50	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$	$	$ 4 00	$	$ 6 40	$	$ 6 25	169 90
Bethel	....	7 46	50	1 75	3 00	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	1 50	....	....	15 11
Bruington	....	....	30	....	4 50	3 00	....	10 00	....	3 15	2 00	....	....	....	13 05
Catawba	....	....	55	....	10 12	1 26	2 0.	....	....	2 50	....	....	....	3 80	20 33
Dallas	160 00	....	1 00	10 00	5 00	....	....	....	....	5 00	....	15 00	2 14	....	138 14
Gastonia	1040 00	416 59	2 40	1500 00	50 00	131 65	22 08	200 00	....	95 34	5 00	226 90	86 87	68 60	3836 43
Hebron	35 20	10 50	45	....	5 00	1 60	1 00	....	....	1 00	27	....	....	....	54 32
Hickory Grove	80 00	10 86	60	....	5 50	3 50	6 71	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	107 17
Hickory	838 00	82 69	1 51	2682 01	57 34	21 41	52 71	....	10 00	59 50	17 33	165 41	....	85 00	4095 01
Kids' Chapel	100 00	....	1 00	....	12 35	1 60	....	5 00	1 20	17 03	2 00	11 40	....	15 25	159 88
Leonard's Fork	60 00	8 00	90	....	2 50	1 50	2 00	....	1 00	50	....	1 00	....	....	77 40
Lebanon	....	....	35	....	5 65	....	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8 00
Lincolnton	125 00	40 00	50	120 00	30 00	5 00	6 02	....	3 00	30 85	....	6 00	....	25 00	390 35
Link's Chapel	....	....	....	250 00	1 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	260 50
Long Creek	....	....	65	....	3 09	1 85	1 00	....	....	1 00	....	....	....	....	6 90
Lowell	....	....	1 43	....	11 00	3 00	3 00	....	2 00	8 60	2 00	....	....	....	32 03
Long Shoals	45 00	....	....	....	3 00	1 05	1 00	....	....	35	35	1 00	....	....	6 70
Macedonia	75 00	....	55	....	1 50	1 50	1 50	....	....	2 21	....	....	....	....	82 26
Malden	150 00	8 00	1 25	3 09	16 37	....	....	....	....	5 10	....	7 76	3 05	185 00	279 13
McAdensville	300 00	19 65	1 40	1 00	18 26	3 09	3 00	....	....	3 00	1 00	....	....	9 50	359 81
Mt. Grove	75 00	....	1 00	....	10 00	3 00	3 05	....	....	4 00	....	....	....	....	95 05
Mt. Holly	87 37	20 35	95	35 00	1 20	....	25	21 50	....	4 00	....	16 50	5 50	....	192 60
Mt. Ruhama	....	12 60	55	....	1 15	....	2 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16 30
Mt. Zion	125 00	10 00	1 50	....	4 00	5 00	6 00	....	1 00	1 00	1 00	28 50	....	....	183 00
Newton	125 00	18 00	1 50	52 10	14 00	5 00	16 35	....	5 00	8 07	5 00	32 00	....	10 00	292 02
Olivet	125 00	10 00	30	22 50	15 00	2 50	5 00	....	....	2 50	....	....	....	32 00	212 30
Providence	....	....	25	....	1 00	....	70	....	....	....	....	1 00	....	....	2 95
Providence II	30 00	....	....	....	75	1 55	2 00	....	....	2 65	....	....	....	....	36 95
Penelope	25 00	10 00	50	....	2 50	1 50	2 50	....	1 00	2 50	50	....	....	....	45 50
River View	80 00	....	83	....	4 00	....	7 00	....	....	....	....	20 00	....	....	120 83
Salem	75 00	3 00	65	....	11 00	2 00	2 00	....	1 00	2 00	1 41	5 00	....	....	102 06
Sandy Plains	75 00	....	35	....	3 00	1 00	....	....	....	2 25	....	5 50	....	....	86 85
Startown	25 09	....	25	7 00	5 78	3 27	1 72	....	....	2 09	....	....	....	....	46 11
Thessalonica	30 00	9 35	60	56 35	2 00	1 50	1 00	....	....	2 00	 50	60	....	9 65	113 55
Warlick's Chapel	60 00	1 00	50	115 00	2 88	1 00	1 00	....	....	5 91	....	3 69	2 65	....	193 63
Reepsville	....	....	40	....	2 53	....	1 00	....	....	50	....	....	....	....	4 43
Gastonia II	42 60	....	1 00	277 87	4 51	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3 25	....	329 23
Cedar Grove	....	....	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50
High Shoals	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Spencer Mountain	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Webb's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals	$3817 65	$ 717 15	$32 37	$5133 58	$ 342 88	$209 46	$ 163 57	$ 236 50	$26 20	$278 59	$38 36	$555 16	$103 46	$450 55	$12103 58

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—STATISTICAL TABLE, 1902.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITONS.				DIMINUTN'S				MEMBERSHIP.			SUNDAY SCH'S			C'H PROP'Y	
		Baptiz'd	Letter.	Restor'd	Total.	Letter.	Exclu'd	Died.	Total.	Males	Females	Total.	Officers & Tchrs	Pupils.	Total	Seating Capac'y	Value
Belmont	1874	6	4	..	10	1	..	..	1	41	54	95	5	55	60	300	$ 500
Bethel	1895	5	....	..	5	....	....	....	....	24	35	59	3	30	33	500	500
Bruington	1853	1	1	3	5	2	1	..	3	34	56	90	8	65	78	350	400
Catawba	1875	6	1	..	7	2	....	..	2	19	28	47	5	35	40	400	2000
Dallas	1879	2	5	..	7	2	..	1	3	13	20	33	4	30	34	400	1000
Gastonia	1884	19	41	1	61	30	7	2	39	119	178	295	12	300	312	600	10000
Hebron	1883	22	4	..	26	7	..	1	8	28	43	71	....	....	....	....	.....
Hickory Grove	1883	7	3	1	11	1	..	..	1	69	86	155	9	65	74	500	200
Hickory	1870	10	13	..	23	4	2	4	10	74	125	199	23	245	268	700	7500
Kids' Chapel	1872	...	1	..	1	4	3	1	8	38	71	109	9	50	59	460	400
Leonard's Fork	1882	5	1	..	6	1	..	2	3	23	42	65	5	20	25	500	500
Lebanon	1853	2	3	..	5	....	....	....	....	11	35	46	....	....	....	....	.....
Lincolnton	1859	7	8	..	15	2	..	..	2	22	48	70	5	40	45	300	3000
Link's Chapel	1884	....	....	....	....	2	..	1	3	18	18	36	....	....	....	300	300
Long Creek	1772	4	1	3	8	8	..	1	9	38	55	93	6	34	60	600	1000
Lowell	1892	34	9	..	43	7	1	..	8	69	89	158	9	100	109	300	1000
Long Shoals	1901	2	6	..	8	2	2	..	4	11	24	35	....	....	....	....	.....
Macedonia	1869	8	4	..	12	2	.	1	3	59	91	150	....	....	....	450	500
Maiden	1891	4	18	..	22	32	4	3	39	75	115	190	12	147	159	500	900
McAdensville	1887	23	5	..	28	5	27	..	32	69	135	204	16	210	226	400	1000
Mt. Grove	1881	1	....	..	1	...	1	..	1	49	33	82	....	....	....	300	400
Mt. Holly	1890	6	17	5	28	18	3	2	23	39	95	134	10	56	66	400	1400
Mt. Ruhama	1816	18	...	1	19	6	2	3	11	95	148	243	8	86	94	300	500
Mt. Zion	1869	14	4	2	20	10	..	1	11	....	....	238	....	....	....	250	300
Newton	1882	12	15	..	27	7	..	..	7	23	40	63	9	99	108	300	1800
Olivet	1833	5	8	..	13	2	2	1	5	62	100	162	8	92	100	300	500
Providence	1852	...	....	..	....	3	..	..	3	7	22	29	....	....	....	250	100
Providence II	1878	2	....	..	2	2	1	1	4	20	32	52	....	....	....	200	500
Penelope	1888	....	....	..	....	1	1	..	2	11	20	31	....	....	....	300	700
River View	1897	12	3	..	15	8	..	1	9	33	54	87	12	80	92	500	600
Salem	1847	14	11	..	25	11	1	2	14	54	92	146	6	75	81	400	600
Sandy Plains	1863	....	....	1	1	5	2	2	9	34	50	84	....	....	....	400	600
Startown	1896	....	....	....	....	....	2	..	2	1	9	10	....	....	....	....	.....
Thessalonica	1830	10	1	1	12	11	..	..	11	24	36	60	7	41	48	300	300
Warlick's Chapel	1815	17	....	..	17	6	..	2	8	36	84	120	4	53	57	500	800
Reepsville	1899	23	7	2	32	1	..	..	1	21	34	55	9	65	75	300	200
Gastonia II	1901	46	33	..	79	9	..	1	10	53	77	130	10	123	133	....	.....
Cedar Grove	1902	22	....	..	22	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	....	....	....	....	.....
High Shoals	1902	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	4	11	15	....	....	....	....	.....
Spencer Mountain	1902	34	21	..	55	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	....	....	....	....	.....
Webb's Chapel	1892	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	24	46	....	....	....	....	.....
Crowder's Mountain	....	6	....	..	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	....	.....
Totals	....	409	248	20	683	214	60	33	307	1441	2307	4051	214	2216	2430	12550	$40000

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Twenty-fifth Annual Session

OF THE

SOUTH FORK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

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Catawba County, N. C

October 22, 23, 24, and 25

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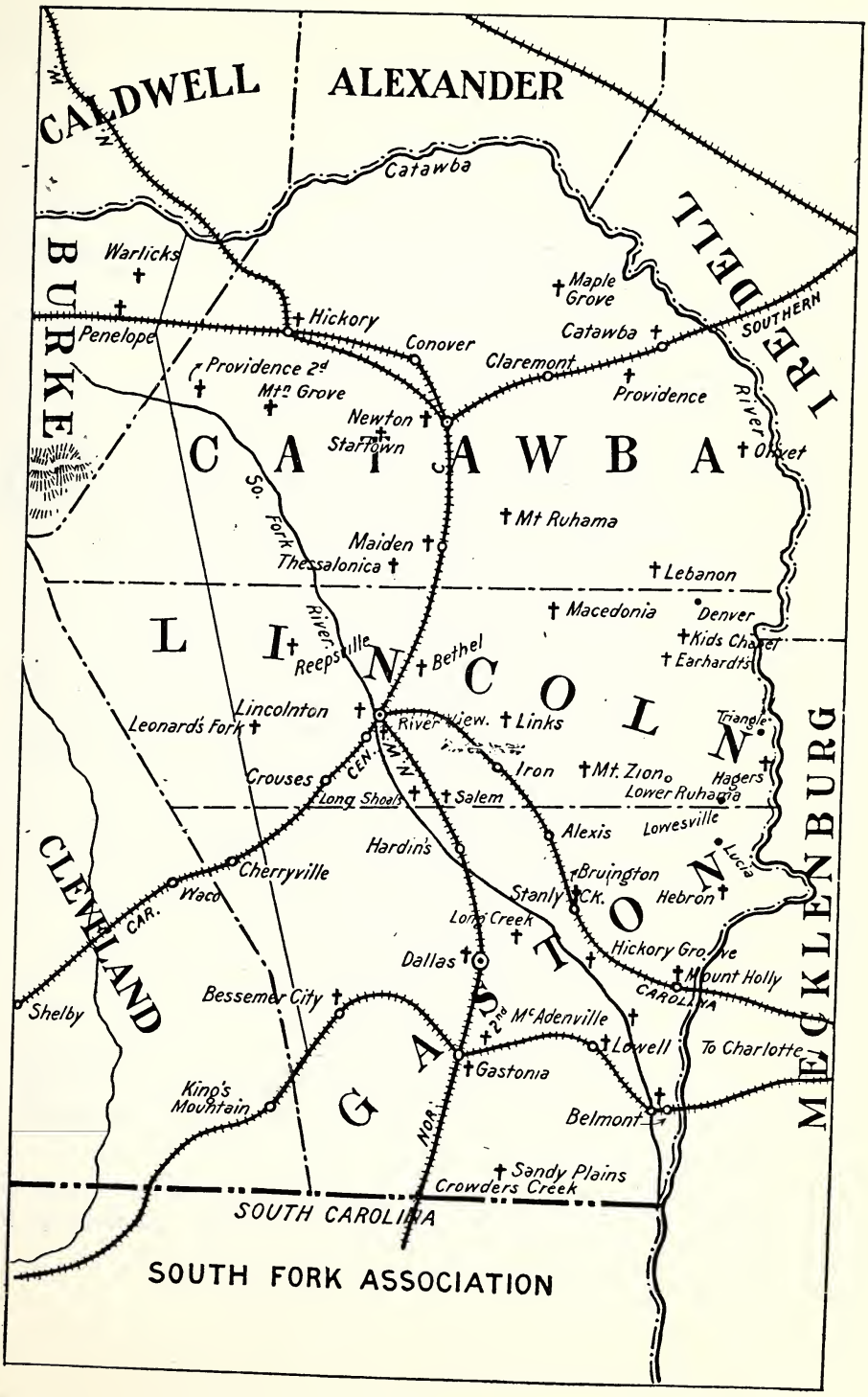
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Crouses
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next Session meets with Hickory Church, Catawba County, N. C., on Thursday before the last Sunday in October, 1904.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. A. Graham, W. C. Mullen, J. R. Underwood,
J. D. Moore, E. S. Whisnant.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECTIONS.

FIRST—Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, McAdensville, Mount Holly, Hebron, Lowell, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains, Gastonia II, Spencer Mountain.

SECOND—Lincolnton, Salem, High Shoals, Sharon, Mount Zion, Kid's Chapel, Mount View, Macedonia, Maiden, Cedar Grove, Mount Ruhama, Webb's Chapel, Bethel, River View, Leonard's Fork, Long Shoals, Alexis, Lucia.

THIRD—Hickory, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mt. Grove, Penelope, Startown.

The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

Maiden, N. C., October 22nd, 1903.

The South Fork Association convened at Maiden Church Thursday at 1 o'clock P. M.

Devotional exercises by J. D. Woodward. W. A. Graham, Moderator, called the body to order; appointed J. D. Moore and J. A. Hoyle reading clerks.

List of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Belmont—J. P. Stowe, M. W. Sanford.

Bethel—W. C. Mullen, W. S. Dellinger, Beverly Blackburn.

Bruington—J. W. Griffin.

Catawba—J. S Bridges, D. L. Wike, M. H. Ervin.

Dallas—J. R. Lewis.

Gastonia—J. D. Moore, J. S. Torrence, J. S. Wray, H. A. Childers, E. M. Smith.

Hebron—C. M. Ervin, J. M. Pressley.

Hickory Grove—C. T. Thomas, G. W. Rumfelt, M. A. Baldwin, James Huffstetler, J. W. Rumfelt, W. T. Rankin, T. A. Lineberger.

Hickory—W. R. Gwaltney, J. F. Click, A. L. Ramsaur, J. D. Elliott, C. A. Carrier, W. W. Stroud, J. W. Elliott.

Kid's Chapel—W. A. Graham, H. N. Abernethy, W. A. Whitener, Press Ballard, W. S. Tucker.

Leonard's Fork—W. H. Hoover, J. W. Hoover, L. Houser.

Mt. View—J. K. Purefoy, E. Litten, Wm. Pool.

Lincolnton—P. H. Pernell, D. P. Bridges, Wm. Dellinger.

Long Creek—J. W. Kirksey.

Lowell—A. Teague, J. A. Funderburk, R. Parker, A. J. Hilton, W. F. Warren.

Long Shoals—W. Abernethy.

Macedonia—S. Perkins, J. Burke, E. Beal, T. J. Saunders, W. T. McAlister.

Maiden—J. A. Hoyle, J. C. Whitesides, D. A. Finger, B. W. Allen, E. S. Whisnant.

McAdensville—J. W. Cashion, J. D. Turner, E. S. Ivey, W. L. Abernethy, F. J. McCauly.

Mt. Grove—J. F. Abernethy, C. Baker, J. B. Rockett D. A. Whisnant.

Mount Holly—J. D. Howe.

Mount Ruhama—J. W. Barker, E. D. Hewitt, G. W. Caldwell, A. M. Caldwell, Roy Williams.

Mt. Zion—W. B. McClure, R. Nantz, L. S. Hager, J. L. Hoover, W. A. Caldwell.

Newton—H. A. Cates, S. G. Bridges, George W. Wilson, J. W. Watson.

Olivet—J. T. Ervin, L. A. Litten, D. F. White, J. E. Crawford, O. Brown, A. L. Ervin, M. T. Bynum.

Providence—Not represented.

Providence II—J. Huffman, J. H. Huffman.

Penelope—C. M. Murchison.

River View—E. C. Huss, James Long.

Salem—C. W. Payseur, B. F. Rogers, C. W. Huggins, J. B. Harrill, William Huggins.

Sandy Plains—A. B. Hoffman, R. Molton, W. E. Beatty.

Startown—M. Bullinger.

Thessalonica—W. P. Roney, W. A. Chapman.

Reepsville— L. A. Bangle, D. Canipe.

Gastonia II—E. A. Hurley, G. W. Bowman, A. A. Wagstaff, D. B. Harwell, L. A. Smith.

Cedar Grove—J. A. Whitener, C. M. Star, A. M. Lutz.

High Shoals—R. L. Chaney.

Webb's Chapel—E. L. Eaker.

Sharon—L. A. Abernethy, Lee Lineberger.

Warlick's Chapel—A. J. Cook, R. M. Pary.

Alexis—E. V. Sentre, T. W. Garrison.

Lucia—L. Broadaway, U. B. McIntosh.

The name of Link's Chapel was changed to that of Sharon; Lebanon to that of Mount View.

The Association proceeded to organize by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator, D. P. Bridges, Clerk, and W. C. Mullen, Treasurer.

The following brethren were elected members of the Exeeutive Committee: W. A. Graham, J. R. Underwood, W. C. Mullen. A. H. Sims, of King's Mountain Association; C. E. Beaver, of South Yadkin

Association, were received as correspondents. Elder P. H. Pernell, of Lincolnton, a new member, was introduced to the Association.

The Treasurer read the following report:

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—TREASURER'S REPORT.

Lincolnton, N. C., October 22nd, 1903.

To cash received at last Association	$518 61	
By cash paid out since last Association		$518 45
To cash received since last Association	$54 17	
By cash paid since last Association		$50 28
To balance cash on hands	$4 05	

Of the amount paid out since last Association $19 30 was paid on balance due on last year's work for Associational Missions. The balance, $30 98, has been paid on this year's work for Associational Missions. The balance of $4 05 on hand also belongs to Associational Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MULLEN, Treasurer.

The report of Treasurer was adopted.

B. L. Hoke was appointed delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, W. R. Gwaltney, alternate.

The Temperance resolution was read by the Clerk.

Lucia and Alexis, new churches, were received into the Association, after recommendation by J. W. Watson, J. A. Hoyle and H. A. Lineberger, as to the soundness of their articles of faith and church covenant.

W. S. Cherry, pastor of the Methodist Church, was welcomed to a seat in the body.

The rules of assembling and adjourning were changed for this session, so as to meet at 9 A. M. and adjourn at 11 A. M. Meet at 1 P. M.

The regular committees were appointed by the Moderator, whose names will appear with their respective reports.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney till 7.30 tonight.

Thursday Night, 7.30.

The song and devotional exercises were led by J. A. Hoyle.

The introductory sermon was preached by W. R. Gwaltney, from Matthew vi:10–33.

The Association adjourned till tomorrow 9 A. M.

Friday, 9 A. M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by C. W. Payseur.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The Minutes were read and approved.

Delegates to the State Convention: C. W. Payseur, J. S. Bridges, J. A. Hoyle.

The following were appointed a committee on Ministerial Students: W. R. Gwaltney, D. P. Bridges, B. L. Hoke.

W. R. Beach was received from the Caldwell Association.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by B. L. Hoke, J. W. Griffin, P. H. Pernell, W. R. Gwaltney, J. D. Moore, and A. H. Sims.

The report as follows was adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe in Foreign Missions because God did and gave his Son that every person in this world might be saved. Christ came to seek and to save the lost; and one soul is as precious in His sight as another. He was just as anxious to save the sinful Samaritan woman as He was to save Nicodemus, the Jewish Rabbi. He lived a life of absolute unselfishness. All that He did while on earth was for others.

We believe that we should be Foreign Missionaries because Christ left the work of spreading the Gospel with his disciples.

When one man is saved he wants to save someone else. As Christ is no respector of persons neither should we be. Christ said for us to "go" and we should obey marching orders. He is our commander.

We believe in Foreign Missions because of what it has done and is doing for the world. There are many happy converts now on the Foreign field thanking God for having heard the Gospel. Our missionaries tell us that prospects are brighter now than ever before. This is especially true of China and Japan. The walls of superstition and idolatry are rapidly crumbling under the power of the Gospel of our blessed Lord and Redeemer. The fields are now white to the harvest,

let us pray and work that more laborers may be sent out to gather in the grain.

We recommend that our Association attempt greater things, than ever before, for the spread of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. HOKE,
L. A. ABERNETHY,
J. D. TURNER. } Committee.

State Missions was made the special order for Saturday, 2 P. M.

A. H. Sims discussed Periodicals.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. R. Beach until 1.30 P. M.

Friday, 1.30 P. M.

After devotional exercises, Brother C. W. Payseur read the report on Periodicals.

The report was discussed by C. W. Payseur, and P. H. Pernell.

The report was adopted.

PERIODICALS.

At this period of educational awakening; of schools and colleges, of various doctrines and issues is the time of supreme importance to our people as a denomination. The time is here in which the very elect will be swayed aside if possible.

In order for our people to be firm in the Master's work—they must be informed—must read the right literature. Literature that is sound in the doctrine, and edited by consecrated men who are in sympathy with all we hold.

Therefore, we recommend the Baptist Worker as the organ of our Association. This paper should be in every house to stimulate the interest in our work, Associational school, and the various items which are of direct interest to us. The Biblical Recorder, the organ of our Convention; the North Carolina Baptist Charity; and Children; the Baptist Argus, and the Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. PAYSEUR,
B. W. ALLEN,
P. W. BANGLE.

The report on Education was read by J. W. Watson.

EDUCATION.

It is with great pleasure that we report to you that the per cent. of illiteracy is decreasing at a more rapid rate in this State than any other. This is due, in no small degree, to the Baptist influences radiating from the colleges, academies and periodicals.

Never in all of our history has there been a brighter educational prospect.

Wake Forest and our beloved South Fork Institute have enrolled more students than any previous year.

Some young ladies who sought an entrance into the B. F. U. could not find one for want of dormitory room. We recommend the Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest College, Baptist Female University and South Fork Baptist Institute, as worthy of the patronage of all throughout the State.

With heaviness of heart we call attention to the debt upon our own school and do urge that every member of this body help in a substantial way to remove the great burden as soon as possible, to save it from an untimely death.

We hope that each church will make a larger contribution to ministerial education during the next year.

J. W. WATSON,
J. F. CLICK,
G. W. ABERNETHY.

Report of the trustees of the South Fork Institute was read and discussed by Rev. D. P. Bridges and J. W. Watson.

Prayer was offered by W. R. Gwaltney.

The report was discussed further by Q. D. Moore.

Pledges were made by churches for South Fork Institute amounting to $150.25.

Livingston Johnston, G. P. Harrell, and J. S. Bookhart were received as visitors.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

Our school was opened on September 2nd with Prof. B. W. Allen as principal and Miss Mary E. Johnson assistant. The building was completed and settlement made in full with the contractor to the amount of $2675, and furnished with desks and other furniture neces-

sary. The school is now in session and has enrolled 36 students.

There is a note due in bank now amounting to $1000, which we must raise; $227 pledged yet to be paid on this note; balance of note must be raised from churches.

J. D. MOORE, Chairman.
D. P. BRIDGES, Secretary.

The following report on place and preacher was read and adopted:

We recommend Hickory as the place for our next meeting; J. W. Watson to preach the introductory sermon, and B. L. Hoke as alternate. Committee: J. S. Bridges, W. P. Roney and W. A. Whitener.

It was ordered that the report of the Executive Committee be made the special order for tonight, and that State Missions be made the special order for tomorrow at 10 A. M. The Orphanage to follow immediately after the Missions.

The Finance Committee read the following report which was adopted:

FINANCE.

The churches have sent up the following amounts for the several objects:

Minute Fund	$ 36.43
Association Missions	165.93
State Missions	59.17
Home Missions	37.51
Foreign Missions	78.83
Education	5.00
Orphanage	91.06
Ministers' Relief	15.03
South Fork Institute	99.52
Total	$377.94

J. R. LEWIS,
D. L. WIKE, } Committee.
J. P. STOWE,

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

Friday, 7.30 P. M.

After devotional exercises the Moderator called the body to order.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and discussed by W. A. Graham, and J. A. Hoyle.

Collection was taken for the house at High Shoals amounting to $51.00.

A collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $7.77.

The report was discussed by J. D. Moore, J. W. Watson and W. R. Gwaltney.

The report was adopted.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

In submitting a report at the close of the first fourth of a century we call attention to the following items of interest:

The Association was organized with ten churches and seven hundred and nine members. There are now forty-three churches and over 4200 members. Thirty-four churches have been organized.

There have been 4400 baptisms. Largest number of baptisms any one year 350 in 1884. This was 27 per cent. of the membership of the previous year.

Every church except Lucia, which was organized this month, has a house for services or are erecting one.

All the churches have built or are building new houses since our organization except Catawba, which has brick building dedicated in 1875.

2. Kid's Chapel, which has been ceiled and painted.

3. Sandy Plains, which has been painted.

4. Hickory Grove and Providence.

There are also churches at Maple Grove and Crouse— total 39 new houses.

Under the policy in mission work to use an evening or afternoon appointment from an established church, the following churches have been organized or renewed:

From Hickory Grove, Dallas, Long Creek, Mount Holly and Hebron.

From Salem, Lincolnton, River View, Long Shoals and High Shoals.

From Mount Ruhama, Maiden. From Maiden, Bethel (in part) and Cedar Grove.

From Lincolnton, Leonard's Fork and Bethel (partly), Kid's Chapel, Sharon (partly), Denver, Triangle, Belmont, Lowell, Bessemer, Macedonia and Mountain View.

The following churches have become external:

Liberty Hill, Lowesville, Denver, Triangle.

The following ministers have been ordained:

J. G. Hill, Jno. F. Morris, J. S. Gwaltney, D. P. Bridges, J. J. Payseur, W. B. McLure, A. W. Setzer, J. P. Brantley, C. E. Beaver, C. W. Payseur and C. M. Irvin.

The following amounts were appropriated by the committee for work in the bounds of the Association during 1903:

Crouse's Station, D. P. Bridges	$50.00
Reepsville, to help pay pastor	35.00
Startown and Cline's township	87.50
High Shoals, J. A. Hoyle, to pay pastor	50.00
Thessalonica, to help pay pastor	20.00
Lebanon, P. W. Bangle, to help pay pastor	50.00
Lucia, C. M. Ervin	25.00
Spencer Mountain, to help pay pastor	25.00
Cedar Grove, to help pay pastor	50.00
	$405.00

We think the funds in hand will about settle indebtedness.

W. A. GRAHAM,
J. D. MOORE,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
W. C. MULLEN,
E. S. WHISNANT,
} Executive Committee.

The Association adjourned with prayer by C. M. Murchison.

Saturday, 9 A. M.

The devotional meeting was held by C. E. Beaver.

The Moderator called the body to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Collection for Minutes was taken to the amount of $5.53.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was read and discussed by J. A. Hoyle.

The report was continued, and State Missions was taken up, and report was read by W. R. Gwaltney.

The report was discussed by Livingston Johnson.

A collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $6.20.

It was ordered that a special note be made of the presence of Brother Johnson, and especial mention be made of his excellent speech.

The report on State Missions was adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

The work of State Missions underlies all our work. The missionaries

of our Board have organized and built up the churches which contribute the means that support the orphanage, our aged and infirm ministers, the cause of Home and Foreign Missions, our schools and colleges. The Board of State Missions has made possible all our work.

One hundred and three missionaries are doing faithful work and are reporting gracious revivals from most of these fields. At one mission point, 140 professions of faith and 96 baptisms; at another point, 40 baptisms, and good meetings at many other places. The contributions from the mission fields are good.

The Board is making on a basis of $25,000 this year, which is the same as last year, but last year $15.00 of this amount was given by the Home Mission Board. This year this must be given by the churches. And as it must be given by the churches it amounts practically to an increase of $15.00 above what the churches gave last year.

New fields are constantly opening up which must be occupied or we suffer irreparable loss. These opening fields call upon us to go forward. The demands upon our Board are greater than ever before. We can think of nothing but enlargement. To stand still with increasing pressure upon us means a backward movement, and this can never be while we have the promise, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

There must be an increase in our contributions to State Missions; we must raise as much as possible before the meeting of the Convention in December.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
E. S. WHISNANT.

The report on the Orphanage was read by B. W. Allen, and W. A. Graham.

Adjourned with prayer by Livingston Johnson.

Saturday, 1.30 P. M.

Devotional exercises were led by J. S. Bookhart.

The report on the Orphanage was taken up and discussed by G. P. Harrell and J. D. Moore.

The report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

The orphanage is one of our most worthy objects. It is the home

now of 260 children. The general health is good. The greatest need now is increased contributions for the support of the children not for buildings, and our churches and Sunday Schools should increase their contributions to meet these demands.

The buildings are erected for service and not for show. The cost to support an orphan is another evidence of the economy practiced.

The plant is worth $50,000, and a new building is going up. The Whitty building which will accommodate forty-eight girls.

There are, in addition to the school work, four departments of work at the institution. The farm for boys, the paper for boys and girls, the shoe shop and machine shop for boys, and general household work for girls.

The moral condition of the community is very good. There are a considerable number of the children who are Christians. All are taught the word of God by consecrated women who do their work for love and not for pay.

We urge the churches to contribute more to the Orphanage in order to enable it to do a greater work, for we have the assurance that the girls and boys will not be reared up in idleness.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. ALLEN,
L. S. HAGER,
A. A. WAGSTAFF.

S. F. Conrad was introduced and spoke in the interest of The North Carolina Baptist.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was taken up and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney.

The report was adopted.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

It has pleased God in His wisdom and mercy to call men to preach the Gospel of His Son for the salvation of a lost world. A great many called are the poor of this world. They barely make a living while they are blest with health and strength. Old age and afflictions comes upon many who are at the mercy of the people.

Therefore, we recommend that every church take collections for these worthy brethren, and bring sunshine and joy to them while they are

passing through the shadows of old age, and let them feel and know that they are not forgotten.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOYLE,
W. F. WARREN,
J. W. BARKER.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and discussed by J. F. Click. The report was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following:

"And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey." Exodus xvi:31.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs xxii:6.

"Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing." John xviii:20.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CLICK,
D. A. FINGER,
CALVIN BAKER. } Committee.

The report on Home Missions was read and discussed by J. D. Woodward and Livingston Johnson.

The report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board among our people is two-fold, viz.: Evangelical and educational. A great many of our towns and cities where we now have strong churches were once aided by the Home Board. Our Board has done a glorious work for the South in planting the Gospel in these places.

Many foreigners are coming into some of our cities. The great mass of these came without the Gospel. It is the work of this Board to meet them at their very entrance into our country with the Gospel.

In some of our states the State Boards cannot supply all of these destitute places and they must call on the Home Board for help. The Home Board; also, is preaching the Gospel in Cuba, and a great work has been done there.

The Home Board, in the second place, is filling a place in our educa-

tional work in the Mountain sections of some of our States that can not well be done otherwise.

We, as Baptists, have many people in these sections who are untrained and developed. Our Board is aiding in this school work, which is one of our great works. We should stand by the Board in its work.

J. D. WOODWARD,
W. H. HOOVER,
J. K. PURIFOY.

The report on the following vote of thanks was read and adopted:

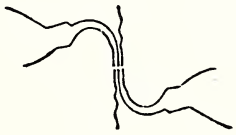
VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That this body vote its most hearty thanks to this church, town and community for the magnificent way in which they have entertained us while here. Also, that we thank the C. & N. W. Railroad for reduced rates over it in getting here.

D. P. BRIDGES.

Obituaries were read and discussed by J. W. Watson.

The report was adopted.



OBITUARIES.

BROTHER W. W. BRIDGES.

Brother W. W. Bridges was born in Cleveland County, N. C., February 20th, 1836. He united with a Baptist Church at the age of twenty years. For many years he was a most prominent deacon. He served the denomination in the capacity of a Moderator as well as Clerk and a member of the Executive Committee of different Associations. He died in Catawba county June 14th, 1903.

As a Confederate soldier he was brave and honored. For nearly fifty years he was a faithful Soldier of the Cross. His memory will be blessed, and his example a lesson to the generation that knew and loved him.

J. W. WATSON, Committee.

JOHN D. CALDWELL.

John D. Caldwell departed this life October 23rd, 1903, at his home in Caldwell township in Catawba county in his 73rd year. Brother Caldwell professed faith in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Mount Ruhama Church by Elder Barney Martin over fifty years ago, and lived a consistant member until his death. He was a magistrate over thirty years. He also served as county commissioner of Catawba county for several years. He was considered by some to be rather easy on evil doers, but he often expressed himself to the writer of this sketch that he felt it to be his duty to show mercy towards the unfortunate ones. For many years he followed teaching school, and was considered a good teacher.

He leaves two sons and one daughter. His wife and two sons and one daughter died only a few years ago.

It could be said of Brother Caldwell that he was a Christian, a good neighbor and a law-abiding citizen. He was not the oldest person, but the oldest member of Mt. Ruhama Church when he connected himself with the church. There had been no record of the church kept prior to his connection. He was elected Clerk and served the church as

Clerk for many years. But he has answered the summons of the Master, and entered into rest. May the Lord bless relatives and friends.

J. A. HOYLE.

The Association adjourned to meet at 7.30.

Saturday, 7.30 P. M.

Sermon by C. W. Payseur, subject the four lepers at the City of Samaria. II Kings iv:3.

Sunday, 10 A. M.

Sunday School mass-meeting conducted by W. A. Graham. Speeches were made by B. L. Hoke, W. C. Mullen, and J. F. Click.

At 11 A. M. S. F. Conrad preached. Text: Hebrews 11:17. A collection for Associational Missions was taken amounting to $6.58. At 11 A. M. J. W. Watson preached at the Methodist Church. Text I Peter 1:3. A collection for Associational Missions was taken amounting to $1.49. Total $8.07.

Observations as to Our Growth.

This has been a remarkable year in our history. There are seen evidences of growth all over our Association. Although there have not been as many baptisms as we have had some years, the number is up to the average, and there are gratifying results in other ways. The net gain is not so large because there is reported an unusual number of exclusions which shows that our churches are alive. There has been good work done in the erection of houses of worship. Cedar Grove, since last meeting has built and paid for a very neat house, costing $500 or more. The house was built and paid for and dedicated in a few months from its beginning. The Second Church at Gastonia has erected an elegant house at the cost of $2000 or more. It is one of the best and most conveniently arranged houses in the Association. It will soon be paid for. The work has grown wonderfully here.

Hickory has completed and paid for one of the nicest houses of worship in the State, and, also, has a new parsonage. The work is growing rapidly here.

Newton has, also, fallen in line with the onward movement and bought a parsonage costing a thousand dollars.

Lincolnton has joined the procession and made needed repairs on the

church, and stepped from twice a month preaching to every Sunday.

At Alexis a new church has been organized and arrangements are being made to build a house.

Also, at Lucia a new church has been organized. There are many other churches that have made strides forward, all of which it would take too much space to mention.

Our one great combined work is the erection of the school building at Maiden and the opening of the school. The school opened the first of September. We have raised more than a thousand dollars this year. We trust that all the churches will stand by the South Fork Institute and we can make it, in the near future, an agency for great good and an institution of which we will all be proud.

Brethren, under the guiding hand let us make this the greatest year of our history.

CLERK.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one group to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, at 1 P. M., the Introductory Sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

Rules of Order.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates' shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxil-

iary, Place and Preacher, Old Ministers' Relief, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9.30 A. M.; adjourn at 12.30 P. M.; meet at 1.30 P. M.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Temperance Resolution. (1881.)

RESOLVED, First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

RESOLVED, Second, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886.)

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—DIRECTORY FOR 1902.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PRCHING.	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.	POSTOFFICE.
Alexis	Gaston	C. M. Ervin	Mountain Island.	T. W. Garrison	Alexis		T. W. Garrison	Alexis	William Abernethy.	Alexis.
Belmont	Gaston	D. W. Thomason.	Belmont	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	2 4	M. A. Sanford	Belmont	Laura Stowe	Belmont
Bethel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	2	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	B. Blackburn	Lincolnton
Brnington	Gaston	J. D. Bowen	Mount Holly	J. W. Griffin	Stanley	2	J. F. Welch	Stanley	D. F. Hovis	Stanley
Catawba	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	1			D. L. Wike	Catawoa
Cedar Grove	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	A. M. Lutz	Newton R. F. D.	1	J. A. Whitener	Newton	Lizzie Whitener	Newton R. F. D.
Dallas	Gaston			C. S. Stowe	Dallas	4	J. M. Shnford	Dallas	J Brown	Dallas
Gastonia	Gaston			J. D. Moore, Jr	Gastonia	Ev Sun	C. A. Johnson	Gastonia	Mrs. J. S. Torrence	Gastonia
Gastonia II	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. A. Hurley	Gastonia	2 4	J. V. Fisher	Gastonia	Bessie Grice	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	C. M. Ervin	Monntain Island.	S L. Bollinger	Mount Holly	1	Doris Craig	Mountain Island.	J. M. Pressley	Mountain Island
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B McLure	Alexis	G. W. Rmnfelt	McAdensville	2	M. A. Baldwin	McAdensville	L. Abernethy	McAdensville
Hickory	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev Sun	W. S. Boatright	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory
High Shoals	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	R. L Chaney	High Shoals	3	R. L. Chaney	High Shoals	R. L. Chaney	High Shoals
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Grah. m	Macbpelah	1	C. G. Tucker	Kidsville	Eunice Whitener	Kidsville
Leonard's Fork	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover	Cronse	4			Ethel Houser	Lincolnton
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	Arthur Bridges	Lincolnton	2 3	C. M. Wells	Lincolnton	Miss Florence Finch	Lincolnton
Long Creek	Gaston	B. M. Bridges	Mooresboro	W. S. Smith	Dallas	3			J. W. Kirksey	Dallas
Long Shoals	Lincoln	A. C. Ervin	Pearl	H. A. Harrill	Long Shoals	3			H. A. Harrill	Long Shoals
Lowell	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	McAdensville	G. S. Wright	McAdensville	1 3	J. Hendricks	Lowell	J. Hendricks	Lowell
Lucia	Gaston	C. M. Ervin	Mountain Island.	U. B. McIntosh	Lucia				L Broadaway	Lucia
Macedonia	Lincoln	W. B. McLure	Alexis	J. Mullen	Derr	1			B. Lawing	Derr
Maiden	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	2	E. S. Whisnant	Maiden	Mrs. Whitesides	Maiden
McAdensville	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	McAdensville	J. N. Walker	McAdensville	2 4	J. N. Walker	McAdensville	J. W. Cashion	McAdensville
Mt. Grove	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	M. Rockett	Hickory	3	J. S. Ballard	Hickory	Ida Baker	Hickory
Mt. Holly	Gaston	J. D. Bowen	Mount Holly	J. D Howe	Mount Holly	3	J. D. Howe	Mount Holly	J. D. Howe	Mount Holly
Mt. Rubama	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	L. J. Caldwell	Newton Route 2.	4	Roy Williams	Newton Route 2.	G. W. Caldwell	Newton Route 2
Mt. View	Catawba	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	E. Litten	Drumsville	3	J K. Puretoy	Chronicle	E. Litten	Drumsville
Mt. Zion	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	M. J. Hager	Alexis	3	J. E. Chronister	Alexis	L. S. Hager	Alexis
Newton	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	2 4	G. W. Cochrane	Newton	Mrs. Watson	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	J. T. Ervin	Shawnee	2	O. Brown	Long Island	J. T. Ervin	Shawnee
Penelope	Burke	A. H. Wynkoof	Morganton	D R. Murchison	Penelope	1	J. R. Hosley	Hickory	J. W. Hendrix	Penelope
Providence	Catawba			Martha Wilkie	Catawba	1			H C. Hewitt	Catawba
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Spencer Mountain	Gaston	J. D. Woodward	Gastonia	A. Stowe	Lowell	2			A Stowe	Lowell
Startown	Catawba	J. W. Watson	Newton	Mrs. W. L. Killian	Newton R. F. D.	3			Mrs. W. L. Killian	Newton R. F. D.
Thessalonica	Catawba	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	Mac. Ramsaur	Hickory	1	W. P. Roney	Newton R. F. D.	W. A. Chapman	Newton R. F. D.
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	J. B. Bridges	Jugtown	A J. Cook	Penelope	1	A. J. Cook	Penelope	R. M. Pary	Penelope
Webb's Chapel	Gaston	J. D. Woodward	Gastonia	C. D Weaver	Lincolnton	3	C. D. Weaver	Lincolnton	C. D. Weaver	Lincolnton

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1903.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses	Minute Fund	Building & Repairs.	Ass'c'tion'l Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	Orphan'ge	Ministers' Relief.	Other Objects.	Poor.	TOTAL.	Schools.
Alexis	$ 30 00	$	$ 65	$	$ 3 00	$	$ 1 00	$ 2 00	$	$ 1 00	$ 25	$ 6 50	$	$ 44 40	$ .....
Belmont	125 00	15 00	1 00	.....	3 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	.....	12 75	.....	7 50	.....	182 50	7 25
Bethel	.....	5 30	60	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 40	.....
Bruington	10 50	7 00	90	72	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10	1 10	90	.....	102 22	.....
Catawba	100 00	2 00	50	.....	7 84	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	3 78	.....	.....	.....	120 12	10 00
Cedar Grove	21 25	.....	55	508 75	3 10	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	534 35	.....
Dallas	131 00	15 60	1 00	85 00	13 00	5 82	.....	.....	.....	10 65	.....	25 00	.....	328 07	35 00
Gastonia	821 12	217 91	4 00	284 75	50 00	.....	45 50	279 85	.....	126 82	.....	148 55	49 19	1874 12	81 60
Gastonia II.	150 00	42 10	2 35	10 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 26	.....	38 12	.....	268 16	.....
Hebron	70 00	45 00	66	4 56	2 00	.....	40	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	124 12	.....
Hickory Grove	85 00	55	1 16	.....	3 00	2 00	2 00	15 00	.....	2 50	2 00	10 55	5 00	128 21	5 00
Hickory	960 00	131 25	2 10	8 104 16	14 60	38 29	32 97	49 37	10 00	67 86	12 98	346 44	28 29	4822 33	24 02
High Shoals	40 00	6 00	.....	135 00	2 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....	191 05	.....
Kid's Chapel	100 00	.....	75	.....	13 48	.....	2 25	6 45	2 00	16 33	1 75	17 00	.....	177 91	17 90
Leonard's Fork	62 00	10 00	1 00	.....	6 00	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	89 00	6 00
Lincolnton	150 00	43 72	1 00	125 85	25 00	.....	5 00	6 00	3 00	36 00	.....	130 00	5 00	560 59	25 00
Long Creek	.....	.....	35	.....	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 50	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	12 89	.....
Long Shoals	.....	.....	20	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 20	.....
Lowell	200 00	14 59	1 60	.....	8 00	.....	3 50	3 50	.....	2 20	.....	23 00	10 00	276 39	10 00
Macedonia	60 00	.....	60	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 55	.....	.....	.....	66 15	.....
Maiden	125 00	8 00	73	.....	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	.....	4 00	2 00	26 34	2 00	189 07	.....
McAdensville	250 00	18 39	1 50	.....	15 00	20 00	10 00	7 00	.....	10 00	2 00	71 17	30 15	448 81	13 60
Mt. Grove	75 00	.....	1 55	17 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....	4 00	.....	5 70	.....	121 25	2 00
Mt. Holly	140 00	22 34	70	.....	18 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 27	.....	222 77	.....
Mt. Ruhama	100 00	18 50	1 15	.....	6 97	.....	3 00	4 63	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 39	.....
Mt. View	.....	.....	32	300 00	4 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	4 09	.....	311 42	.....
Mt. Zion	125 00	10 00	1 10	.....	.....	2 95	15 20	18 42	.....	8 34	.....	.....	.....	181 02	.....
Newton	125 00	18 60	1 01	2 00	1 00	7 00	7 72	25 28	5 00	5 00	5 00	304 90	.....	555 51	30 00
Olivet	125 00	1 75	1 60	6 00	20 00	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	3 00	32 00	5 00	276 76	68 00
Penelope	60 00	3 00	40	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	.....	78 40	.....
Providence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence II.	40 00	.....	80	.....	.....	1 50	.....	2 85	.....	2 85	.....	.....	.....	48 00	.....
Reepsville	50 00	.....	1 00	40 75	5 60	.....	.....	85	.....	1 00	.....	13 00	.....	113 60	2 00
River View	100 00	.....	1 12	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	4 87	.....	2 00	.....	18 52	.....	155 97	9 25
Salem	75 00	.....	1 05	12 00	9 89	2 00	1 24	3 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	107 18	.....
Sandy Plains	90 00	2 00	60	.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	.....	2 58	.....	13 00	.....	120 18	.....
Sharon	40 00	.....	90	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 05	.....
Spencer Mountain	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Startown	25 00	.....	25	.....	.....	4 62	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	15 00	.....	65 87	18 00
Thessalonica	50 00	.....	1 10	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	80	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 85	.....
Warlick's Chapel	60 00	50 00	33	.....	3 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	8 00	124 33	.....
Webb's Chapel	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	3 00	.....	1 00	50	.....	50	56 00	.....
Totals	$4880 37	$ 728 82	$37 58	$ 958 57	$ 350 79	$127 68	$196 88	$462 51	$24 15	$370 57	$31 58	$969 55	$143 15	$ 13310 09	$354 50

Gospel Missions—Bruington, $19.00; Mt. Holly, $34.01; Gastonia II, $32.99. Total $86.00.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1903.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS				MEMBERSHIP			SUNDAY SCH'L			C'H PROP'Y	
		Baptiz'd	Letter	Restor'd	Total	Letter	Excl'd	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers & Tchrs	Pupils	Total	Seating Capac'y	Value
Alexis	1903	2	...	..	2	1	...	..	1	10	15	25	6	69	75	....	....
Belmont	1874	8	4	..	12	3	...	2	5	38	58	96	5	50	55	300	500
Bethel	1895	1	...	..	1	1	3	..	4	22	33	55	3	40	43	500	500
Bruington	1853	2	7	.	9	5	3	..	8	51	47	98	9	80	89	350	400
Catawba	1875	1	3	..	4	3	...	..	3	21	30	51	....	....	...	400	2000
Cedar Grove	1902	4	1	..	5	1	...	..	1	11	27	38	7	43	50	300	500
Dallas	1879	20	10	..	30	5	...	..	5	30	28	58	4	50	54	400	1000
Gastonia	1884	1	10	..	11	54	13	2	69	101	138	239	10	300	310	600	10000
Gastonia II.	1901	22	54	..	76	24	1	1	26	71	109	180	17	251	76	700	2500
Hebron	1883	11	5	..	16	14	..	..	14	28	42	70	6	70	268	.....	. .
Hickory Grove	1883	2	5	1	8	12	6	2	20	59	82	141	9	69	70	500	200
Hickory	1870	33	15	2	50	11	2	..	13	84	152	236	28	256	78	700	7500
High Shoals	1902	...	1	..	1	...	...	..	...	5	11	16	6	60	284	....	.....
Kid's Chapel	1872	1	1	4	7	5	...	..	5	40	71	111	6	40	66	....	400
Leonard's Fork	1882	4	...	..	4	...	1	1	2	23	42	65	....	....	46	400	300
Lincolnton	1859	4	24	..	28	3	...	1	4	29	52	81	12	118	...	500	3000
Long Creek	1772	1	4	..	5	5	1	..	6	38	54	92	....	...	130	300	1000
Long Shoals	1901	5	...	..	5	...	3	..	3	15	21	36	....	....	....	600	.....
Lowell	1892	10	3	..	13	14	2	..	17	64	97	161	11	122	133	300	1000
Lucia	1903	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	. .	8	8	16	....	....	....	.....	.....
Macedonia	1869	1	3	1	5	4	...	..	4	60	88	148	....	...	....	.. .	500
Maiden	1891	3	11	..	14	10	2	2	4	74	115	189	12	176	....	450	900
McAdensville	1887	18	16	..	34	6	5	1	2	84	154	238	18	160	188	500	1000
Mt. Grove	1881	10	1	..	11	..	...	3	...	37	56	93	5	70	178	400	400
Mt. Holly	1890	3	16	10	29	10	38	..	48	31	72	103	8	61	75	300	1400
Mt. Ruhama	1816	14	..	3	17	2	1	5	8	99	165	264	13	128	69	400	500
Mt. View	1853	3	10	..	13	3	6	2	11	1	3	47	6	60	141	300	200
Mt. Zion	1869	13	10	..	23	21	4	..	5	88	157	245	6	31	66	300	300
Newton	1882	8	13	..	21	4	...	1	5	33	46	79	9	134	37	250	2800
Olivet	1833	7	4	1	12	7	3	1	11	60	105	165	8	90	143	300	500
Penelope	1888	...	2	1	3	2	...	..	2	12	21	33	5	45	98	300	700
Providence	1852	...	2	3	5	3	2	..	5	7	22	29	3	40	50	300	100
Providence II.	1878	...	2	3	5	2	2	..	4	21	31	52	3	40	43	250	500
Reepsville	1899	16	3	...	19	4	2	..	6	18	35	53	8	61	43	200	200
River View	1897	8	4	...	12	7	...	..	7	27	47	74	10	50	69	300	500
Salem	1847	8	6	..	14	3	3	.	10	40	54	94	7	45	60	500	600
Sandy Plains	1863	6	1	..	7	5	1	1	6	35	48	83	6	35	62	400	600
Sharon	1884	...	2	..	2	...	12	..	12	15	20	35	4	25	41	400	300
Spencer Mountain	1902	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	29	250	.....
Startown	1896	2	...	..	2	..	...	...	...	2	9	11	.....	.....	....	250	300
Thessalonica	1830	...	...	..	...	4	...	..	4	23	33	56	7	48	55	300	300
Warlick's Chapel	1815	...	...	1	1	7	...	..	7	33	82	115	5	48	53	500	800
Webb's Chapel	1892	4	...	1	5	2	...	2	4	24	27	51	4	30	34	....	100
Totals	..	256	241	31	541	267	116	27	422	632	2519	4177	266	5025	3291	14110	44300

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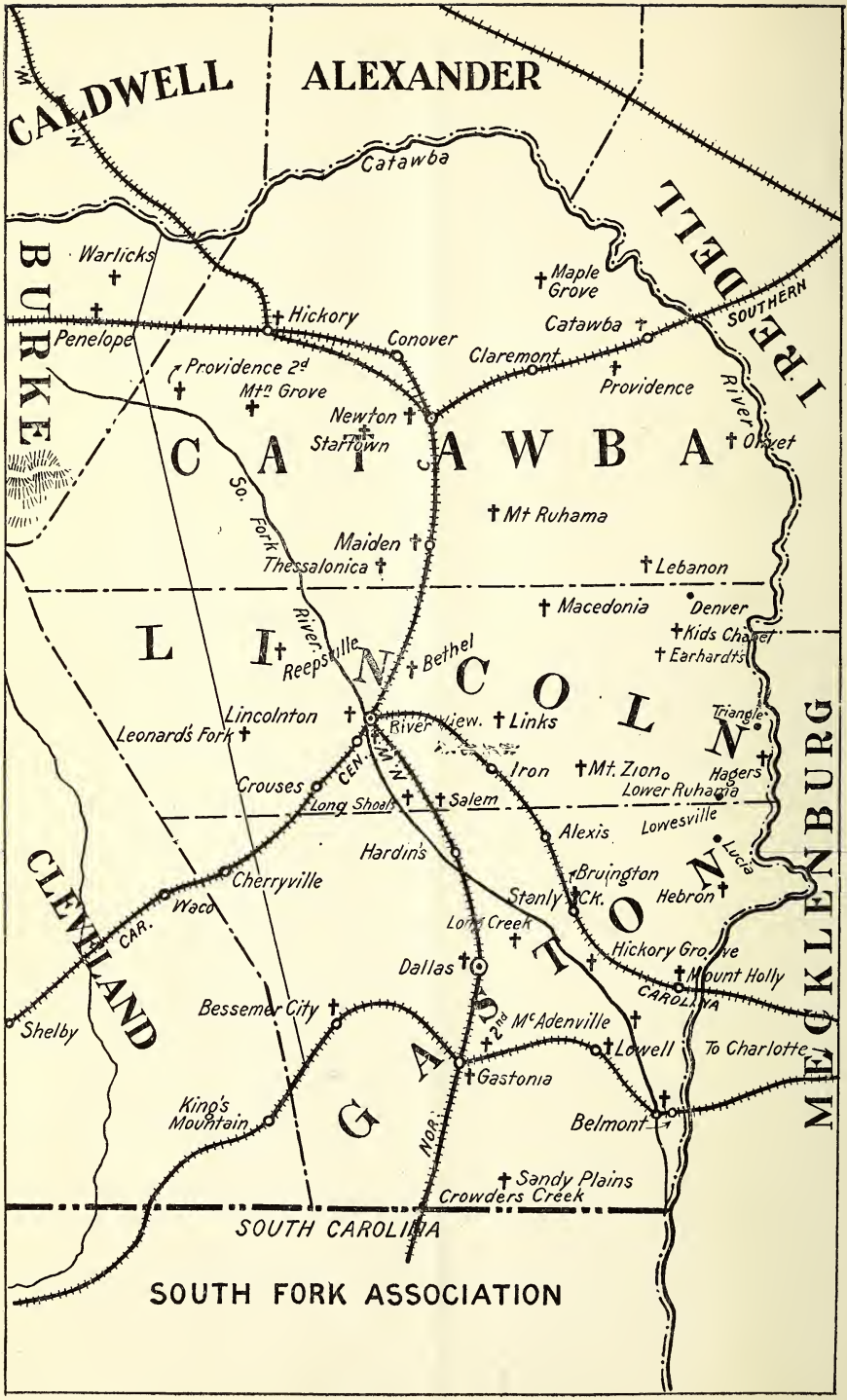
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THIRD—Hickory, Corinth, Newton, Catawba, Olivet, Providence, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mt. Grove, Penelope, Startown, Warlick's Chapel.

The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

Hickory, N. C., October 27th, 1904.

The South Fork Baptist Association met in its 26th Annual Session with the Hickory Baptist Church at 2:30 P. M., October 27th, 1904.

C. S. Cashwell conducted the devotional services, after which the Moderator called the body to order and H. B. Moore and J. O. Allen were appointed to act as reading clerks. The letters from the churches were read as follows

Alexis—C. W. Payseur, E. V. Senter T. W. Garrison.

Belmont—J. P. Stowe, A. Armstrong.

Bethel—W. C. Mullen, A. W. Biggerstaff.

Bruington—J. W. Griffin.

Catawba—M. J. Cochrane, J. B. Bridges.

Cedar Grove—J. A. Whitener.

Corinth—J. B. Bridges, A. M. Propst, R. P. Heavner.

Dallas—R. J. Durham, J. R. Lewis.

Gastonia—H. B. Moore, J. D. Moore, W. H. Redish.

Gastonia II—J. H. Alexander, E. H. Hurley, J. V. Fisher, J. A. Hoyle.

Hebron—D. C. Craig, R. H. Mingus.

Hickory—W. R. Gwaltney, W. F. Jones, C. A. Carrier, J. D. Elliott, B. F. Whitesides.

Hickory Grove—G. W. Rumfelt.

High Shoals—Not represented.

Kids Chapel—W. A. Graham.

Leonard's Fork—Lawson Houser, J. W. Hoover.

Lincolnton—J. O. Allen, W. A. Bridges, N. W. Ross, P. H. Pernell.

Long Creek—J. W. Kirksey, H. L. Jenkins, J. Jenkins.

Long Shoals—H. A. Harrill.

Lowell—A. J. Helton.

Lucia—H. A. Gilleland.

Macedonia J. P. Mullen, Jesse Williams.

Maiden—E. H. Whisnant J. R. Underwood, J. J. Payseur, J. H. Deal.

McAdensville—J. F. Stafford, J. D. Turner.

Mount Grove--J. B. Rockett, C. Baker, D. A. Whisnant.

Mount Holly—By letter only.

Mount Ruhama- P. H. Cline, G. W. Caldwell, J. P. Williams, J. P. Abernathy.

Mt. View—W. E. Clark, D. A. Gilleland.

Mount Zion—Robert Nantz, W. B. McClure, L. McClure, M. A. Nantz.

Newton—P. M. Mull, J. W. Watson, C. M. Burris.

Olivet—O. Brown, J. T. Ervin, A. L. Ervin, J. Eades, J. M. Pope.

Piney Grove—J. C. Barker, A. N. Bridges.

Penelope—J. R. Hoseley, J. W. Hendren.

Providence—Not represented.

Providence II—Joel Hoffman, C. Young.

Reepsville—L. A. Bangle.

River View—S. Williams, S. Reep.

Salem---J. B. Harrill.

Sandy Plains---W. E. Beattie, J. L. Featherston, J. E. C. Ford, E. N. Bess.

Sharon---L. A. Abernathy, G. W. Edwards.

Spencer Mountain---Not represented.

Startown---J. R. Thornburg, M. Bolinger.

Thessalonica---W. P. Roney, C. E. Houser.

Warlick's Chapel---W. R. Jones, R. M. Pary, A. J. Cook, A. L. Wilson.

Webb's Chapel---J. W. Anthony, A. L. Baker.

The Association then organized by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator, D. P. Bridges, Clerk, and W. C. Mullen, Treasurer.

J. D. Moore and E. S. Whisnant were re-elected as members of the Executive Board.

W. H. Reddish was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and D. P. Bridges, alternate.

J. D. Moore was re-elected member of the State Mission Board.

W. H. Redish, J. D. Elliott and D. P. Bridges were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

A petition from Piney Grove, a new church, was sent up asking to be received into the Association.

W. R. Gwaltney, I. M. Hilderbran, and C. E. Beaver were appointed a committee to examine into the Articles of Faith, and report as to

their soundness.

C. S. Cashwell, of the Mount Zion Association, was welcomed to the body.

The pastor and delegates of the Hickory church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

The Moderator appointed the usual committees whose names will appear with their respective reports.

The committee on the Articles of Faith of Piney Grove church reported the same sound, and the church was received.

The Treasurer read the following report which was adopted.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION— TREASURER'S REPORT.

Lincolnton, N. C., October 26th, 1904.

To cash received at last Association	$574.13
To all collections since last Association	205.63
Total	$779.79
By amounts paid for Associational Missions	$398.59
By amounts paid for State Missions	14.00
By amounts paid for Home Missions	37.13
By amounts paid for Foreign Missions	76.06
By amounts paid for Gospel Missions	2.00
By amounts paid for Education	5.00
By amounts paid for Ministers' Relief	15.00
By amounts paid for The Poor	.50
By amounts paid for Minute Fund	41.96
By amounts paid for Orphanage	90.00
By amounts paid for South Fork Institute	99.52
Total	$779.79

$36.18 of this has been paid on this year's work.

Respectrully submitted,

W. C. MULLEN, Treasurer.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. H. Reddish till 7:30 tonight.

Night Session, 7:30.

After prayer and song service the Association was called to order by

the Moderator and J. W. Watson, of Newton, preached the introductory sermon from I Corinthians iii:9.

The theme was: "Our Co-partnership with God." There was then a brief and interesting address of welcome delivered by W. R. Gwaltney, pastor of the Hickory church, which was responded to by the Moderator.

The Association then adjourned till Friday 9:30 A. M.

Friday, 9:30 A. M.

The prayer and song service was conducted by C. W. Payseur.

The Moderator called the body together and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following visitors were recognized: G. H. Church, of the Caldwell Association; J. Pruett, of the Catawba River.

It was ordered by the body that the Moderator appoint, at this session, the chairman of the regular committees for next session.

Elder Holmes, pastor of the M. E. church, was introduced to the Association.

The report on the Orphanage was read and made the special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The report on Education was read and discussad by W. H. Reddish, and J. J. Payseur.

The Association adjourned with prayer by G. H. Church till 2 P. M.

Friday, 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and W. H. Reddish prayed.

Corinth church was received by letter from the King's Mountain Association.

C. E. Bomar, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; J. B. Boone, of the Thomasville Orphanage; E. A. Poe, of the Catawba River Association; J. S. Gwaltney, of Catawba River Association; W. H. Rich, of the South Yadkin Association, and S. F. Conrad, of the North Carolina Baptist, were welcomed to seats in the body.

Foreign Missions was made the special order for tonight at 7:30.

The report on Education was taken up again and discussed by D. P.

Bridges and others.

Elder Murphy, pastor of the Reformed church, and Elder Traywick, of the Presbyterian church, were welcomed to seats in the body.

The report on the Orphanage was taken up and discussed by J. B. Boone.

Prayer was offered by D. P. Bridges, that the scourge of fever might be removed from the Orphanage.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to $27.26.

The report was adopted.

ORPHANAGE.

We look upon our orphanage, an institution of the Baptist State Convention, with pride and believe it to be a great privilege and duty laid upon God's people to care for the orphan children of our land, and we would recommend that the churches of this Association stand by this great work and aid by our prayers and means.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. WHISNANT,
M. J. COCHRANE, } Committee.
J. W. GRIFFIN.

The report on Place and Preacher was read and adopted.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

We, the committee appointed by your body to name the place and preacher for the next meeting of the South Fork Association, beg leave to report, that after due consideration, we name Dallas as the place and Bro. P. H. Pernell to preach the introductory sermon, and Bro. J. A. Moyle as alternate.

I. M. HILDEBRAND,
LAWSON HOUSER, } Committee.
J. JENKINS.

The report on Home Missions was read and the discussion of same was made the special order for Saturday night at 7:30.

The report on Periodicals was read and discutsed by C. W. Payseur, C. S. Cashwell, S. F. Conrad, J. B. Boone, and W. R. Gwaltney.

The report was adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. H. Rich.

Friday Night, 7:30.

The Moderator called the body to order.

After the devotional services, the discussion of Foreign Missions was deferred for 30 minutes in order that the debt on the new building at our school at Maiden might be presented and subscription taken. D. P. Bridges made a statement of the situation, after which O. Brown discussed the situation. W. H. Reddish called for subscriptions to meet the debt. The subscriptions amounted to $126.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by C. E. Bomar and others.

The report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign Missions is the great enterprise of our Lord. We are co-laborers with him, and so it is the base rock on which all missions rest.

The great work of evangelizing the world has awakened a wide-spread interest in the government as well as religious world.

Many new fields are now wide open to us and calls come thick and fast. The good women in our Associations and Conventions are forcefully and successfully pressing the mission work among our churches.

It is very desirable that every pastor help to organize the sisters of their churches into societies for regular and systematic effort.

They have undertaken more this year than ever before, and so it should be our prayer and earnest efforts to raise our marks and hasten the "good tidings" on to the world.

The Southern Baptist Convention asks for an advance of at least 25 per cent. from every church and Baptist in the South. North Carolina Baptists are asked for $25,000 for this work this year. We should lay special emphasis on prayer for missions and for missionaries.

J. J. PAYSEUR,
C. BAKER,
J. T. ERVIN. } Committee.

The Association adjourned till 9:30 Saturday.

Saturday, 9:30 A. M.

J. L. Vipperman conducted the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

M. L. Kestler, of the Catawba River Association, was welcomed to a seat in the body.

The Finance Committee read the following report:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance submit the following report:

Cash sent to Association by the churches:

Minute Fund	$ 38.45
Association Missions	80.42
State Missions	46.84
Home Missions	56.98
Foreign Missions	107.89
Ministerial Education	1.00
Orphanage	73.69
Ministerial Relief	6.56
South Fork Institute	28.54
Sunday School Missions	40
Total	$440.77

Total contributions during the year for State and Associational Missions, $410.20 a decrease over last year of $68.27. We feel that our churches should make a special effort next year to enlarge their contributions along this line.

H. B. MOORE,
J. O. ALLEN,
J. W. HOOVER. } Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and discussed by W. A. Graham.

The report on State Missions was read and spoken to by L. Johnson.

The Association adjourned till 2 P. M.

Saturday, 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer was offered by L. Johnson.

The reports on Associational and State Missions were taken up and discussed by S. F. Conrad.

The reports were adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

The work of the Board of State Missions underlies all of our other

work. From it, churches planted by our missionaries, have come its means by which our colleges, schools and orphanage were established, and are sustained. From these churches come the contributions which go to the Home and Foreign Mission work. The churches established and aided by the Board are the sources of all our supplies. We are indebted to the work of the Board for every enterprise which we cherish and foster. It has yet much work to do—much territory to take for the Master. Its one hundred missionaries are faithfully toiling and rapidly occupying its destitute places. But our work calls for enlargement every year. The hundreds of cotton mills springing up everywhere constantly demand an increase of laborers, and this demands an increase in contributions.

J. B. HARRILL,
W. R. GWALTNEY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have employed during the year.

Clines township, J. M. Shanve	$25.00
Crouse, P. H. Pernell	25.00
Reepsville, C. E. Beaver	25.00
Lucia, W. B. McLure	25.00
High Shoals, J. A. Hoyle	50.00
Thessalonica, C. W. Payseur	10.00
Cedar Grove, C. W. Payseur	40.00
Alexis, C. W. Payseur	30.00
Mt. View, P. W. Bangle	40.00
Maple Grove, J. W. Watson	50.00
Bandys, C. E. Beaver	20.00
Lincolnton, D. P. Bridges	100.00
$50 to be raised by Linccolnton church, which has been done	
	$435.00

Amount contributed to State and Associational Missions this year, $410.20, but some of the churches have sent the funds to Raleigh amounting to over one hundred dollars.

Our agreement with Bro. Johnson, corresponding secretary of the Convention, is that all contributions to State and Associational Missions may be used to settle Mission accounts in the Association as far as

necessary. Yet each year some of the churches send these funds to Treasurer of the Convention and cause a deficit, when settlement with appointees is due.

Submitted,

W. A. GRAHAM,
W. C. MULLEN,
E. S. WHISNANT,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
J. D. MOORE. } Committee.

C. E. Beaver read the report on Obituaries, which was adopted.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by C. A. Carrier, which was deferred for discussion till 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The report on Old Ministers' Relief was read and adopted.

OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

God, in His wisdom, has given his Son, Jesus Christ, as a sacrafice for the salvation of a lost world, and has chosen men to proclaim the Gospel of His Son, that the world might not perish but through Him have everlasting life.

We have today quite a number of old ministers in our State who have labored faithfully until old age and infirmities have come upon them, and in the evening shades of life they have no means of a support, and we feel that it is the duty of our people to see to it that these worthy brethren and their wives and widows be supported.

We recommend that each church take a special collection for them as early as possible.

Submitted by Committee,

J. A. HOYLE,
J. H. DEAL,
J. W. KIRKSEY.

A vote of thanks to Hickory church and town of Hickory was offered by the Association.

The Association adjourned till 7:30 tonight.

Saturday, 7:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and after prayer and song service the Clerk made a statement of the condition of Associational Missions which had a debt of $125.00.

J. D. Moore called the churches and asked for subscriptions from the churches which amounted to $160.

The report on Home Missions was then read and discussed by M. L. Kestler, L. Johnson, E. E. Beaver, and T. M. Hufham.

The report was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The progress made by our denomination is due, in no small measure, to the work done by our Home Mission Board. When we view the history of Home Missions in our State, we have much for which we should be thankful, and to inspire us to more faithful efforts in the future. Wherever the battle for the establishment of truth has been the fiercest and the organization of churches exceedingly hard and difficult, you will find the footprints of the Home Missionary, abounding in poverty, rich in faith in God, and a heart full of love for lost souls, preaching the glorious Gospel for the salvation of the people.

Some of our strongest churches owe a debt of gratitude to the Home Board for its timely aid, given them when they were struggling for continued existence, and thereby enabling them, not only to become self-sustaining, but to be powerful agencies in our denominational work.

While the Home Board has been, and perhaps, may be, passing through a trying period, and while not only the opposers of organized work, but others, have either justly or unjustly, centered their fire of criticism upon it, yet we are glad to know that our people are giving more liberally to it than ever.

Ten years ago we gave $2,538.88. Last year we gave $7,762.15, an advance of $1,516.26 over the previous year. We trust that as much as $10,000.00 will be raised during this year.

Brethren, let us show our loyalty to it, as well as to our Master, by an increased contribution during the next year for its support.

J. W. WATSON,
H. A. GILLELAND,
W. P. RHONEY.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Dallas Church on Thursdaay before the last Sunday in October, 1905.

W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator.
D. P. BRIDGES, Clerk.

EDUCATION

The desire for higher and for better Christian education has been rapidly growing upon the people of North Caaolina for several years, and now we are in the midst of a great educational revival. Let us pray that this spirit which has enlisted many of our people may increase in influence and power until every home in our beloved State is brought under its sway and every child has a chance to develop himself in a Christian school.

We, as Baptists, through the blessings of God, have been able to establish some high schools and colleges in our State, of which we are justly proud. Wake Forest College, the Baptist University for Women, Mars Hill College and Chowan Female Institute, stand as monuments to the prayers and sacrifices ot North Carolina Baptists, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., as a monument to all Southern Baptists.

The loyalty which has sustained these institutions in the past must not wane that their usefulness in the future may continue.

Let us also rally to the support of the Board of Education at Wake Forest College that it may be able to aid every needy and worthy young minister who is trying to prepare himself to preach the Gospel of the blessed Son of God.

But the institution that is demanding our support more than any other at this time, is our own beloved South Fork Institute. This institution, notwithstanding its present debt, is in great need of larger and better equipment. Let each church in the Association take a collection during the year for this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Lewis,
D. A. Whisnant, } Committee.
W. H. Reddish.

PERIODICALS.

For more than half a century the Biblical Recorder has been an exponent of Baptist thought and polity in North Carolina. It has aided, materially, in the enlisting, the establishment and support of everything our denomination holds. It has served, perhaps, as no other agency to unify our brotherhood—glorious banner of a great people.

While all our institutions, church and State have felt the effect of the helpful influence of the North Carolina Baptist. To it, no doubt, more than to any one periodical is due the great temperance awakening in our State.

Of the Orphanage, by the Orphanage, for the Orphanage— Charity and children stands first. After the Orphanage has been served, then Charity and Children is of the people, and for the people—no paper has a sweeter spirit and kinder aim—"Vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." "It bestows all its goods to feed the poor."

There are two monthly mission periodicals which will give information about the work of our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Foreign Mission Journal and our Home Field.

Our Sunday Schools, as never before, are receiving valuable helps from the various publications of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee. All These we most heartily commend with the hope of an Associational paper soon, for the Association, and by the Association to help the pastors in their fields and stimulate the members.

What shall we more say; time would fail to tell of our various church and Associational papers, for they are "Legion."

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. Payseur,
John F. Stafford,
J. P. Abernethy.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association met in the Sunday School room of Hickory Baptist church Friday afternoon October 28th.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Gwaltney, vice-president for this Association. Mrs. Hudgins, of Marshall, led in prayer.

After reading of lxvii Psalm by Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Gastonia, led in prayer. The roll of the Societies was called.

Hickory, first Gastonia, Olivet, Kid's Chapel, Maiden and Leonard's Fork were represented.

Reports were read from Hickory, Gastonia, Maiden and Olivet.

Mrs. Hudgins, of Marshall, was a welcome visitor and gave the Union comforting words of encouragement.

Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Gastonia, made an address to the Union on

Woman's Work, leaving as the central thought of this splendid talk, the importance of each shining in her corner.

Much to the regret of all present, Mrs. Gwaltney resigned as vice-president of the Association, and suggested the name of Mrs. H. B. Moore as her successor.

The society accepted Mrs. Gwaltney's resignation and her successor, Mrs. Moore was unanimously endorsed by the body.

Sunday Services.

The churches of the city were supplied by the visiting preachers Sunday morning and evening. At the Baptist church, E. E. Bomar preached an able sermon, after which a collection for Associatiohal Missions was taken amounting to $12.75.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members In excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one group to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Assodiation shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, at 1 P. M., the Introductory Sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

Rules of Order.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be:—Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Ministers' Belief, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9:30 A. M.; adjourn at 12:30 P. M.; meet at 1:30 P. M.. adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacats the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Temperance Resolution. (1881.)

RESOLVED, First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

RESOLVED, Second, That we will, as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe these rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886.)

Sunday, 3 P. M.

There was a Sunday School mass-meeting. Speeches were made by L. Johnson, D. P. Bridges, J. D. Moore, and W. H. Reddish.

Chairman of Committees to report at Session, 1905.

Foreign Missions,.....W. H. Reddish.
State Missions,.....J. L. Vipperman.
Home Missions,.....J. J. Payseur.
Education,.....W. R. Gwaltney.
Orphanage,.....P. H. Pernell.
Old Ministers' Relief,.....W. B. McLure.

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Alexis	Gaston..	C. W. Payseur...	Alexis	T. W. Garrison
Belmont	Gaston..	P. H. Pernell...	Lincolnton	R. M. Gaston
Bethel	Lincoln..	D. P. Bridges...	Lincolnton	W. C. Mullen
Bruington	Gaston..	P. H. Pernell...	Lincolnton	M. J. Cochran
Catawba	Catawba	J. W. Watson...	Newton	C. M. Starr
Cedar Grove	Catawba	C. W. Payseur...	Alexis	F. W. Hood
Corinth	Catawba	J. B. Bridges...	Jugtown	C. S. Stowe
Dallas	Gaston..	J. L. Vipperman..	Dallas	J. D. Moore
Gastonia	Gaston..	W. H. Reddish...	Gastonia	J. H. Alexande
Gastonia II	Gaston..	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	C. C. Clark
Hebron	Gaston...	C. E. Beaver	Enfola	W. F. Jones
Hickory	Catawba.	W. R. Gwaltney..	Hickory	J. W. Runt
Hickory Grove	Gaston..	W. B. McClure...	Alexis	R. L. Chaney
High Shoals	Gaston..	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	W. A. Graham
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln..	P. H. Pernell...	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover
Leonard's Ford	Lincoln..	P. H. Pernell...	Lincolnton	W. A. Bridges
Lincolnton	Lincoln..	D. P. Bridges...	Lincolnton	W. L. Smith
Long Creek	Gaston..	W. B. McLure...	Alexis	H. A. Harrill
Long Shoals	Lincoln..	C. M. Ervin	Hickory	A. E. Teague
Lowell	Gaston..	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	U. B. McIntosh
Lucia	Gaston..	W. B. McLure...	Alexis	J. Mullen
Macedonia	Lincoln..	J. M. Bridges...	Shelby R. F. D.	E. S. Whisnant
Maiden	Catawba	J. J. Payseur...	Maiden	J. N. Walker
McAdensville	Gaston..	J. L. Vipperman..	Dallas	M. L. Rockett
Mt. Grove	Catawba	J. B. Bridges...	Jugtown	J. L. Howe
Mt. Holly	Gaston..	W. J. Bumgarner		L. J. Caldwell
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McLure...	Alexis	E. Litten
Mt. View	Catawba	P. W. Bangle...	Lincolnton	M. J. Hager
Mt. Zion	Gaston..	W. B. McLure...	Alexis	P. M. Mull
Newton	Catawba	J. W. Watson...	Newton	J. T. Ervin
Olivet	Catawba	J. W. Watson...	Newton	J. W. Hendren
Penelope	Burke..	C. M. Ervin	Hickory	C. D. Drum
Piney Grove	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	Enfola	H. C. Hewitt
Providence	Catawba	J. W. Watson...	Newton	R. L. Asherbrauer
Providence II	Catawba	J. B. Bridges...	Jugtown	L. A. Bangle
Reepsville	Lincoln..	C. E. Beaver	Enfala	E. C. Huss
River View	Lincoln..	C. W. Payseur...	Alexis	C. F. Clanton
Salem	Lincoln..	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	N. A. Jenkins
Sandy Plains	Gaston..	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	L. A. Abernethy
Sharon	Lincoln..	D. P. Bridges...	Lincolnton	A Stowe
Spencer Mountain	Gaston..	W. B. McLure...	Alexis	Mrs. W. L. Killian
Startown	Catawba	J. W. Watson...	Newton	W. P. Roney
Thessalonica	Catawba	C. W. Payseur...	Alexis	A. J. Cook
Warlick's Chapel	Burke..	J. B. Bridges...	Jugtown	C. D. Weaver
Webb's Chapel	Gaston..	J. W. Anthony...	Southside	

POST OFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PR'CHING	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.	POST OFFICE.	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.	POST OFFICE.
lexis	4	T. W. Garrison...	Alexis	W. M. Abernathy..	Alexis
elmont	2	M. A. Sanford...	Belmont	Laura Stowe	Belmont
incolnton	2	W. A. Bridges...	Lincolnton	Miss Jessie Mullen..	Lincolnton
anley	2	D. F. Hovis...	Stanley	V. Q. Morris	Stanley
atawba	3	M. J. Cochrane...	Catawba	Pearl Aderholdt	Catawba
ewton	13	J. A. Whitener...	Newton	Lizzie Whitener	Newton
ha-an	4			G. W. Hood	Plateau
allas	4	J. M. Shaford...	Dallas	C. S. Stowe	Dallas
astonia	v Sun	L. L. Jenkins...	Gastonia	Mrs. J S. Torrence.	Gastonia
astonia	2 4	J. V Fisher	Gastonia	Bessie Grice	Gastonia
ountain Island	1	Mrs. Bettie Lowe.	Mountain Island	J. M. Pressley	Mountain Island
ickory	Ev Sun	W. Boatright	Hickory		
cAdensville	4	M. A. Baldwin...	McAdensville	aren Abernethy	McAdensville
gh Shoals	2			R. L. Chaney	High Shoals
achpelah	3	W. A. Graham...	Macnpelah	Birdie Smith	Kidsville
ouse	4	W. H. Hoover...	Crouse	Ethel Houser	Lincolnton
ncolnton	Ev Sun	J. O. Allen	Lincolnton	Florence Finch	Lincolnton
llas	2	W. Lanier	Dallas	H. W. Jenkins	Dallas
ng Shoals	1			Docia Abernathy	Long Shoals
well	3	W. F. Hoggins...	Lowell	J. Hendricks	Lowell
cia	1		Lowesville	Mrs. Gilleland	Lowesville
colnton	4	H. A. Gilleland		B. Lawing	Lincolnton
iden	1	E. S. Whisnant...	Maiden	Mrs J C Whitesides	Maiden
Adensville	2 4	M. A. Harwell...	McAdensville	J. N Walker	McAdensville
ckory	3			Ida Baker	Hickory
nt Holly	1	J. D. Howe	Mount Holly	J. D. Howe	Mount Holly
wton	4	Roy Williams	Newton	G. W. Caldwell	Newton
iden	2	W. E. Clark	Maiden	E. Litten	Maiden
xis	3	W. F. McAllister.	Alexis	F. McAlister	Alexis
wton	2	G. W. Cochrane.	Newton	Mrs. Watson	Newton
awba	1	Osborne Brown...	Long Island	J. T. Ervin	Catawba
ckory	2	J. R. Hoseley	Hickory	J. W. Hendren	Hickory
remont				J. C. Barker	Newton
awba	4			H C. Hewitt	Catawba
rsed	2			J. S. Huffman	Hayseed
psville	2	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	Alice Baugle	Reepsville
thside	2	A. L. Cline	Southside	E. N. Hayues	Southside
Station	2	C. W. Huggins...	Worth	R. B. Harrid	Lincolnton
tonia	4	J. E. C. Ford	Lowell	J. E. C. Ford	Lowell
bpelah	1			Lee Lineberger	Iron Station
ell				E Sloan	Lowell
ton	2			Mrs. Killian	Newton
ion	3	W. P. Roney	Newton	N. A. Chapman	Newton
ory	1	A. J. Cook	Hickory	R. M. Pary	Hickory
olnton	3			C. D. Weaver	Lincolnton

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		Baptiz'd	Letter.	Restor'd	Total	Letter	Excl'd	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers & Tchrs	Pupils	Total	Seating Capac'y	Value
Alexis	1903	13	12	..	25	...	..	..	...	20	29	49	8	84	92	300	$ 1200
Belmont	1874	1	8	..	9	2	..	1	3	38	52	90	5	45	50	300	500
Bethel	1895	7	6	..	13	1	..	1	2	24	43	67	7	35	42	300	500
Bruington	1853	...	1	..	1	...	..	3	...	35	50	85	8	23	31	.....	.....
Catawba	1875	1	...	1	2	7	1	..	8	18	25	43	6	50	56	350	3000
Cedar Grove	1902	2	...	..	2	...	..	..	...	11	19	30	6	30	30	300	500
Corinth	....	...	5	..	5	1	4	..	5	34	46	80	.....	.....	.....	300	500
Dallas	1879	1	7	..	8	8	..	..	8	31	29	60	5	50	55	400	2000
Gastonia	1884	21	33	..	54	27	..	5	32	96	142	238	12	325	337	600	10000
Gastonia II	1901	1	16	..	17	32	..	1	33	65	96	161	16	273	289	700	2500
Hebron	1883	11	11	2	24	8	2	1	11	34	48	82	8	134	141	350	400
Hickory	1870	26	26	2	54	19	..	1	20	99	173	272	24	275	299	700	1200
Hickory Grove	1883	7	1	2	10	2	..	2	4	63	85	148	7	64	71	500	200
High Shoals	1902	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	11	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kid's Chapel	1872	1	...	1	2	7	..	2	9	38	66	104	5	45	50	400	500
Leonard's Fork	1882	1	2	..	3	...	1	..	1	21	44	65	5	30	35	250	400
Lincolnton	1859	6	19	1	26	1	1	1	3	38	67	105	12	120	132	300	3000
Long Creek	1772	19	17	1	37	..	..	..	...	53	78	131	8	85	93	600	1000
Long Shoals	1901	...	1	..	1	...	..	..	...	11	21	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowell	1892	2	4	..	6	3	..	4	7	61	82	143	9	125	134	300	1000
Lucia	1903	1	4	..	5	2	..	1	3	10	10	20	7	52	59	.....	.....
Macedonia	1869	...	3	1	4	3	..	3	6	60	75	135	.....	.....	.....	300	600
Maiden	1891	17	6	..	23	21	2	2	25	69	117	186	13	130	143	400	900
McAdensville	1887	...	9	..	9	14	11	3	28	.....	.....	219	.....	.....	.....	400	1000
Mt. Grove	1881	7	1	1	9	1	..	1	2	38	62	100	.....	.....	.....	300	400
Mt. Holly	1890	...	3	9	12	20	..	4	24	26	66	92	7	58	65	300	600
Mt. Ruhama	1816	18	4	1	23	31	1	5	37	98	156	254	14	126	140	250	500
Mt. View	1853	10	4	..	14	3	3	..	6	12	32	44	8	80	88	300	500
Mt. Zion	1869	15	10	..	25	5	2	2	9	92	157	249	5	50	50	300	500
Newton	1882	...	3	..	3	5	1	1	7	28	47	75	12	108	120	300	1500
Olivet	1835	17	7	..	24	8	1	2	11	62	107	169	12	124	136	300	500
Penelope	1888	...	3	..	3	6	1	..	7	9	19	28	5	30	35	300	500
Piney Grove	1904	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	15	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence	1852	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	22	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence II	1878	...	1	..	1	...	1	1	2	21	30	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Reepsville	1899	11	1	1	13	4	2	2	8	24	45	69	8	60	68	200	500
River View	1897	22	9	..	31	5	..	2	7	39	67	106	7	81	88	300	400
Salem	1847	2	3	..	5	8	2	1	11	36	51	87	6	30	36	250	300
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Sharon	1884	2	...	..	2	...	..	..	...	18	20	38	.....	.....	.....	400	600
Spencer Mountain	1902	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	200	300
Startown	1896	2	...	..	2	...	..	..	...	3	10	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Thessalonica	1830	4	2	2	8	1	...	..	1	25	41	66	4	57	61	250	400
Warlick's Chapel	1815	1	2	1	4	...	2	1	3	30	80	110	5	46	50	250	300
Webb's Chapel	1892	2	3	2	7	1	5	..	6	22	27	49	.....	.....	.....	500	1000
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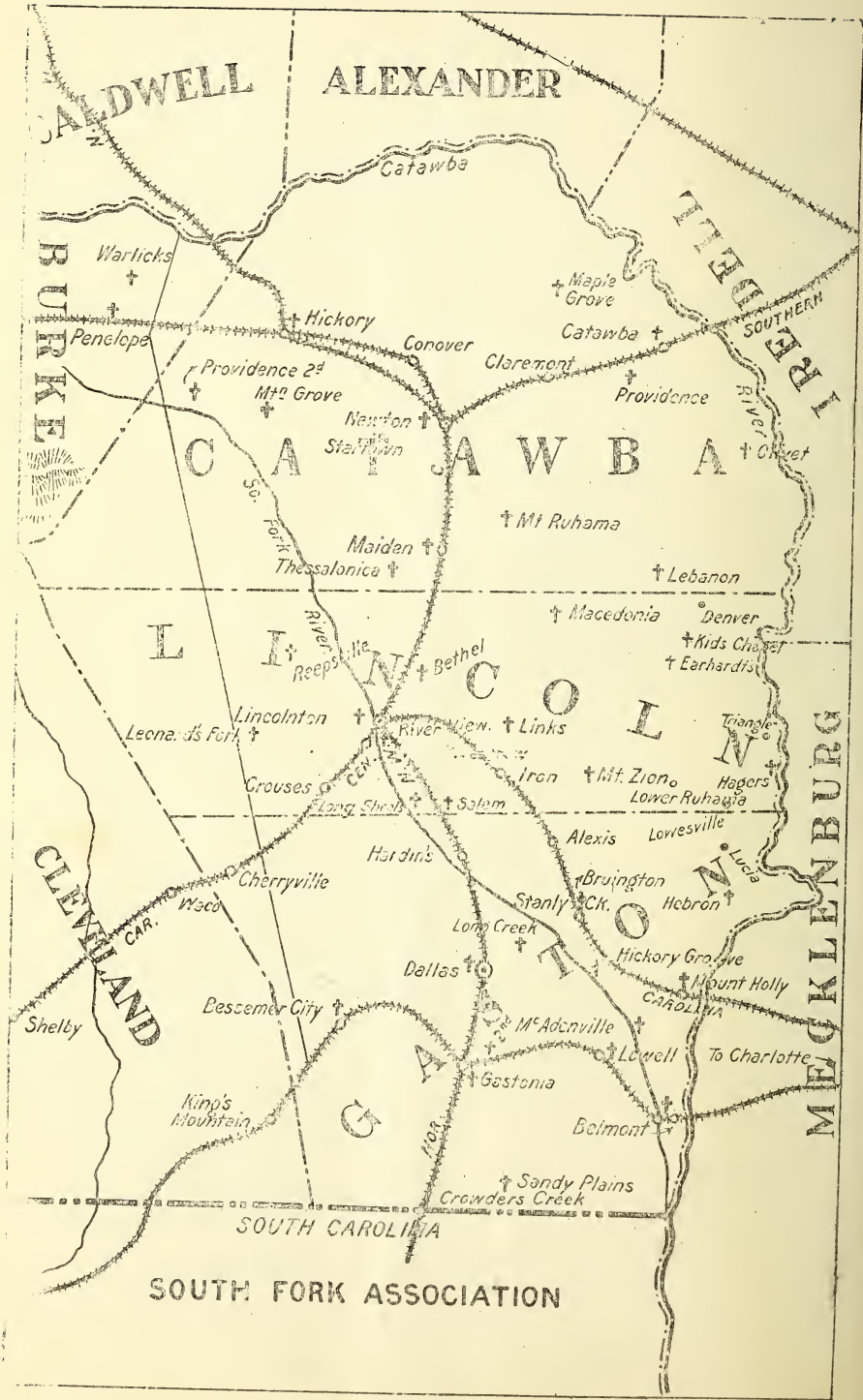
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DALLAS, N. C., OCTOBER 26, 1905.

The South Fork Baptist Association met in its 27th, annual Session with the Dallas Baptist Church at 1 o'clock p. m., October 27th, 1905.

The Moderator called the meeting to order and H. B. Moore and J. L. Vipperman were appointed reading clerks. The letters from the churches were read as follows:

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Cedar Grove—J. J. Payseur.

Corinth—W. M. Abernethy.

Dallas—C. S. Stowe, C. R. Orrender, A. Baldwin.

Franklin Ave—J. A. Hoyle, S L. Smith.

Gastonia—Jonas Jenkins, W. F. Marshall, J. S. Torrence.

East Gastonia—M. T. Sanders, D. B. Harwell, E. A. Hurley, J. P. Sanders.

Hebron—D. C. Craig, C. T. Thomas.

Hickory—W. R. Gwaltney, W. F. Jones, J. D. Elliott, J. F. Click.

Hickory Grove—G. M. Shives, G. P. Abernethy, M. A Baldwin.

High Shoals—Letter.

Kid'sChapel—W. A. Graham, W. S. Kid's, W. Whitener.

Leonard's Fork—T. F. Crowell.

Lincolnton—D. P. Bridges, P. W. Bangle, J. L. Tucker, C. A. Caldwell.

Long Creek—W. L. Smith, Robt. Littlejohn, A. R. Holland, J. M. Jenkins.

Long Shoals—Robert Hoffman, Ezra Cronister.

Lowell—W. F. Huggins, W. M. McLellan.

Lucia Not Represented.

Macedonia J. P. Mullen.

Maiden—E, S. Whisenant, H. A. Lineberger, J. J. Payseur.

McAdenville—J. F. Stafford, T. A. Turner.

Mount Grove—J. B. Rockett, Calvin Baker.

Mount Holly—J. W. Bumgarner, Edward McGinnis.

Mount Ruhama—L. P. Williams, W. M. Caldwell, Marcus Turbyfill.

Mount View—W. E. Clark.

Mount Zion—W. B. McClure, B. H. Ballard, D. C. Long.

Newton—John.Goforth, G. W. Cochrane.

Olivet—Osborne Brown, J. T. Ervin

Piney Grove—C. C. Drum, J. C. Baker.

Penelope—I. M. Hildebrand.

Providence—By letter only.

Providence II—By letter only.

Reepsville—L. A. Bangle.

River View—G. M. Haines, R. D. Haines, Wm. Elmore.

Sandy Plains—Robert Moton, J. L. Featherston, W. E. Beattie, N. A. Jenkins.

Sharon—Lee Lineberger.

Spencer Mountain—Not Represented.

Startown—J. J. Payseur.

Thessalonica—W. P Rhoney, D. H. Ramseur.

Warlick's—M. C. Perry, R. M. Perry.

Webb's Chapel—C. D. Weaver.

The Association then organized by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator; R. S. Lewis, Clerk and W. C. Mullen, Tresurer.

A vote of thanks was tendered D. P. Bridges for his faithful work as Clerk.

W. A. Graham, W. C. Mullen, J. R. Underwood and H. B. Moore were elected as members of the Executive Committee.

W. R. Gwaltney was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. D. P. Bridges, J. R. Lewis and W. H. Reddish were elected delegates to the State Convention. W. H. Reddish was elected member of the State Mission Board.

E. A. Poe, from Catawba River Association; O. L. Springfield, Yancy County Association; F. C. Hickson, Broad River Association. S. C., and E. J. Edwards, of the Biblical Recored, were recognized.

The Treasurer read the following report which was adopted.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Lincolnton. N. C., October 26th, 1905.

To Collections reported at Association	$ 59.50
To amount received from Finance Committee	440.80
To all collections since Association	369.65
	$869.95
By paid to various objects since Association	$770.06
Balance on hand	99.89
	$869.95

Of this $43.55 belongs to State Missions, $56.34 to Associational Missions. $88.97 has been paid on Associational Mission work for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MULLEN, Treas.

The usual committees were appointed whose names will appear with their respective reports. A committee on digest of Church Letters was named. New Churches,

Amity, Beulah and Franklin Avenue were received into the Association. Foreign Missions was made special order for Friday, 11 o'clock. Obituraries were made special order for Friday, 3 o'clock. Dismissed with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 P. M.

Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. P. H. Purnell of Lincolnton, from Exodus 14-15 "Go Forward." It was a splendid sermon and well received.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. J. Payseur.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional service was led by Rev. C. W. Payseur after which the Moderator called the body to order.

Brethern M. L. Kestler, of the Thomasville Orphanage, S. F. Conrad, of the N. C. Baptist and C. T. Willingham, of Tryon Street church Charlotte, were recognized.

The following resolution on location of new churches was adopted.

Whereas too many small churches in the same community are often hurtful rather than helpful, therefore be it resolved, that it is the sense of the Association that our pastors, missionaries and all persons concerned should be very careful as to the location in which to establish new churches, and perhaps it is advisable to confer with the Executive committee.

The following resolution on Associational Missions was adopted:

Be it resolved that we take pledges for Mission work in this Association and that the work shall be known as Associational Missions.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by W. H. Reddish and was discussed by C. T. Willingham and F. C. Hickson. Report was adopted. (See Report)

Under consideration of Periodicals Rev. S. F. Conrad spoke, when the subject passed over under unfinished

business.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. H. Reddish.

FRIDAY EVENING, 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and J. R. Pruett of Catawba River Association offered prayer.

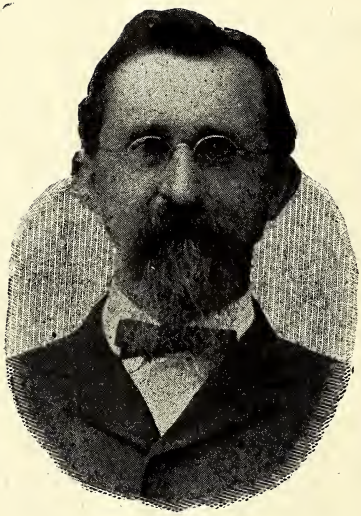
The discussion on Periodicals was resumed. E. J. Edwards spoke for the Biblical Recorder, J. J. Payseur, W. A. Graham, and C R. Orrender for Excelsior and M. L. Kestler for Charity and Children.

The report of Periodicals was read by J. A. Hoyle as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The news paper is the greatest educator of modern times and is indispensably necessary as a medium of information. No church member can be well informed about our work who does not read. As our people are informed about the work they become more aggressive and more interested in the advancement of the cause. We most heartily commend to our people the Biblecal Recorder, organ of North Carolina Baptist State Convention, also the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, The Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal as most important factors in furthering all the objects for which we are working. We also commend the Excelsior as the paper of the South Fork Association. We would urge our people as far as possible to read all of these papers because of the important relation they sustain to all objects for which we are working.

J. A. Hoyle,,
G. M. Shives,
J. B. Harrell,
Committee.



CAPTAIN J. D. MOORE.

Report on Obituaries was read by W. A. Graham as following:

REPORT ON JAMES DANIEL MOORE

The son of Carroll and Sarah Moore was born in Caldwell county, January 5, 1846. He spent his youth upon his father's farm until May 1861, when he volunteered as a private in Capt. R. M. Tuttle's company which was Company F, 26th, Regiment N. C. Troops in the Confederate Army. This company was in the Battle of Gettysburg July 1st, 1863, it won the distinction of incurring the greatest loss in proportion to numbers engaged of any command in recorded history; eighty-seven men were carried into action, of whom eighty-six were killed or wounded, he being the eighty-fifth man to fall, wounded in the neck and through the leg. Upon recovery he found that the wound in his leg made marching on foot uncomfortable and was transferred to Company D, 1st N. C. Cavalry where he did faithful service until the surrender of General Lee.

Upon returning home from the army, he attended school at Dallas, N. C., for one year. Here he met Martha, daughter of John Lewis, a prominent citizen, and for several years Clerk of the Court of county; also Clerk of the Catawba River Association 1863-64.

They were married September 25, 1870. The union was blessed with eight children, all of whom survive him.

He located in Dallas and engaged in merchandising with his brother- in-law James R. Lewis, who still continues the business. In 1883 he removed to Gastonia and continued this business. Afterwards he became interested in the cotton mills and was instrumental in the erection and management of several at Gastonia, also at Dallas, Lenoir and Hudson.

He was a successful business man and his work so commended him to capitalists that he could obtain the necessary support and co-operation for any business of the

kind that he undertook; there was no man in his section who surpassed him in prospect for usefulness in developments and investments of capital.

He did much to elevate the position of the cotton mill population in the esteem of the public, and there is now not a more respected class of citizens. He was public spirited and always ready to aid or lead in any undertaking to advance the welfare of his community.

While active in politics he did not aspire to office and only accepted a position as one of the Directors of the State Institution for the Blind; which was somewhat in the line of his life work. He served his town several times as an Alderman and his suggestions for its advancement and prosperity were much valued.

It is as a servant of the Master of Assemblies and a worker in His vineyard that we are especially interested in his history. In March 1865, while doing picket duty on the Meherrin River, near Boykins depot, Va., he, as his duties would permit, attended a protracted meeting and made a profession of the acceptance of Christ as his Savior. A full account of his conversion is given in the annexed article of Rev. D. M. Tuttle of the M. E. Church South, published by the North Carolina Baptist September 27th, 1905.

THE CONVERSION OF THE LATE J. D. MOORE.

Permit me to give your many readers a bit of interesting religious history of the noble man whose name heads this article. We were natives of the same county, Caldwell. He and my father, the late B. M. Tuttle, of Caldwell county, were together as soldiers in Confederate Gray during the last years of the war between the states; father then a man of 43, and Moore a youth of 17 or 18 and not converted. In February 1365 they were on duty in Cavalry service. In the afternoon of a cold winter day father engaged young Moore in conversation concerning his sal-

vation; reminding him of the dangers to which their lives were daily exposed and exhorting him to make preparation to meet God in peace in case of death. Father's words were as seed in good soil, and conviction, deep and effective seized young Moore. That night he and father spent in a school house, sleeping (or intending to sleep) upon the desks and covering with their blankets. Awhile after they had laid down father awoke and noticed that young Moore was gone from his side. He lay awake awaiting his return but as he did not return soon father arose and went out to look after him. He soon heard groaning in prayer and found him in a fence corner face in hands and on the ground earnestly crying to God for mercy, Father asked him to get up and come in the school house, but he replied saying that he had come out there to stay till his sins were pardoned, and that he would never leave till he was. Father then got down by him and directing him by God's word in the way to the Kingdom. Then he began praying aloud for him, and while the stillness of that midnight hour was being broken by the voice of interceding prayer the light of a new world and a new life broke in upon the soul of Jas. D. Moore, and he rejoiced with joy unspeakable and full of glory. There was no sleep in the schoolhouse that night, but desks became platforms of the soul's first fellowship with God. This account of his conversion I heard substantially from Capt. Moore's lips at Morven campmeeting, August 1903, in a personal testimony as to saving power of Christ, and in my father's presence, saying at the same time he wanted to cheer the heart of the gray haired old veteran by letting him know that he had helped him find the Savior. Captain Moore said also that he had heard during life many eloquent prayers, but none ever equalled the one father offered that night. Two years back from this date both of them were soldiers of the cross, yet on earth battling for the right, but to-day

both are crowned heirs of eternal life in the Heavenly church triumphant.

D. H. Tuttle,

Fayetteville, N. C.

P. S. I have seen it stated that Capt. Moore's mother was praying for his conversion that night. If so, father was God's instrument to bring about the answer.

D. H. T.

Returning home from the army he did not unite with the church in his neighborhood, as it was in sentiment and practice somowhat inclined to anti-mission views, but with one of his sisters, joined Rocky Spring Church in the same county and was baptized by Elder R. H. Moody, a minister well known at that time in the Catawba River Association. In 1879 he united with the church at Dallas upon its organization and was chosen a deacon, was one of the committee that superintended the erection of the building and was active in all the work of the church.

On removing to Gastonia he entered upon the work there as a Baptist and joined the feeble church in its work for the Master. The First Church was erected largely through his efforts, he giving particular attention and contributing largely to the construction. The same may be said as to the remodeling of this church and the conversion of it into the present handsome edifice. He was active in aiding the pastor in the training of the members, all who were not aided by the church were expected to contribute to its expenses and the spread of the gospel. A few years ago they reached the position where all contributions were made direct to the Treasurer of the church and checks given upon this fund by order of the church for pastor's salary, missions or any other object it approved. He remarked not two years before his death that he had always thought that if he could see this accomplished that like Simeon of old he would be ready to depart. He was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school and

and taught a Bible class up to the time of his death; was always ready to speak a word for the Master and to give a reason for the faith that was in him, to speak a word of cheer to the erring and of encouragement to the fainting brother or to a sinner about salvation through Christ.

He was according to his means the most liberal contributor to the work of his church that I have ever known.

In 1893 the Gastonia church united with the South Fork Association. He was placed upon the Executive Committee and served as such until called hence; was a most valuable member, studied the geography as related to Baptist work and formed a definite idea as to the prudence of appropriations at different points.

His speech was always forcible and in words understood by his hearers. He was particularly severe upon the conduct of ministers who failed to preach the gospel of missions, including its support at home and abroad by the contribution of church members.

He served the Association efficiently as Treasurer for several years.

When the South Fork Institute was undertaken he was appointed a Trustee, he gave faithful attention to the work and his counsel was as valuable as his contributions, while all who have been entrusted with the care of this Institution have been faithful in work and liberal in contributions, to him more than to any other person is its present position due.

Upon one occasion when making a contribution he remarked that he desired to be immortal, not only in the life beyond but also in this world, by leaving behind him something that would carry on the work which he was endeavoring to do while here and would continue to do so to the end of time. He served several years as a member of the State Mission Board and was one of the most efficient members.

He will be missed in the work he did, the contributions made and the prayers offered for the advancement of the

Master's cause. The scriptures tell us that "the prayer of the righteous availeth much." The young seldom, if ever pray for those older than themselves or feel much interest in their spiritual welfare. The older take much interest in the younger and often bring blessings to them through prayers they know not of. What a loss to those in whom he was interested are his prayers for their welfare, The idea is much prevalent that only sinners need the prayers of the righteous and there is too little praying by christians for strengthening the feeble knees, relieving the tempted, or encouraging the strong among God's saints.

His works, alms and prayers had kept the Master in acquaintance with him and when he left us he was known above and his coming anticipated with joy. On Sunday August 6th, 1905 his summons came suddenly and his spirit returned to the God who gave it.

As his soul rests "under the altar" in the presence of his savior if it shall weary at the delay in being united with its spiritual body and ask why so long, I think the Savior will say to him "rest on until all things are accomplished, there are yet many to be gathered into my fold through the instrumentality of your works and alms while on earth and who will be stars in your crown when I shall assemble all of my people to take their abode in that city not made with hands eternal in the heavens, whose architect and builder is God."

W. A. GRAHAM.

Touching remarks of tribute were offered on the life of our deceased Brother J. D. Moore by W. A. Graham, W. R. Gwaltney, W. H. Reddish' O. L. Stringfield, J. A. Hoyle, J. L. Vipperman, J. J. Payseur and D. P. Bridges.

Report on Home Missions was read by J. J. Payseur and discussed by J. J. Payseur and W. R. Gwaltney. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS RELIEF OFFERED BY W. B. MCCLURE AS FOLLOWS:

God in his wisdom and according to his purpose has called men to preach the Gospel of His son which is the only means of salvation for a lost world. It pleased Him to call many that are poor in this world's goods. Yet they have gone through heat and cold to obey the Master's work to the glory of God, and the salvation of many souls.

While in active service many of them only received enough to live upon and when old age and afflictions come on they are destitute of a support within themselves, therefore we cannot be Christ like and let them suffer. They must be cared for both in food, raiment and homes. So let us care for them in these things and have the blessed sweetness that comes to those who can hear the Savior say, I was hungry and you feed me naked, and you clothed me. He that considereth the poor lendeth to the Lord. To do this we recommend that all the churches take collections for them and thereby bring joy to them, and favor of God upon ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,
W B. McCLURE.

Report of Finance Committee read by J. F. Click as follows.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finances beg leave to submit report of amounts received as follows:

Minutes	$43.68
Associational Missions	73.01
State Missions	84.49
Foreign Missions	72.28
Education	9.26
Orphanage	83.70
Old Ministers Relief	29.34
South Fork Institute	12.75

Sunday School Missions	12.98
Colportage	2.25
Home Missions	114.30
	$538.04

Respectfully Submitted,
J. R. Lewis,
J. F. Click,
G. W. Cochrane.
Committee.

The report was adopted.
Dismissed with prayer by P. H. Purnell.

FRIDAY, 7 P. M.

General Manager M. L. Kestler of the Thomasville Orphanage addressed the Association in behalf of its work and a collection was taken amounting to $60.

W. H. Reddish addressed the Association in behalf of the Orphanage. Report on Orphanage read by P. H. Purnell as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

A child is the most helpless thing on earth, and needs the constant care of its parents. How helpless and dependent are our Orphan children, and how they should appeal to our sympathy, and call forth our liberality for their care and support.

We have about 300 of these helpless little ones at Thomasville lifting up their hands to us for food and raiment.

You remember the great scourge of fever last summer, which necessitated the putting in a system of sewerage for the safety of these little ones, this has entailed a debt of of about $11.000 upon our Orphanage.

We therefore recommend to the South Fork Association that we double our contributions to this object, and make our next thanksgiving the largest in our history for the

wiping out of this debt.

Respectfully submitted,
P. H. PURNELL.

The report on Orphanage was adopted.

She report of the Trustees of the South Fork Institute was read by D P. Bridges:

Addresses on the South Fork Institute were made by T. M. Hufham and D. P. Bridges. The association was dismissed with prayer by S. F. Conrad.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

For several years this association has been agitating the question of an associational school. Three years ago this matter took definite shape and the first building was erected at a cost of about $3,000. The school opened two years ago. The school grew till it was necessary to enlarge. We had to arrange a place for pupils to board. The trustees met and after careful and prayerful consideration agreed to erect a boy's dormitory costing $2000. Brethren J. D. Moore and J. D. Elliott made the proposition that they would give $1000 for this purpose if the Association would raise that amount. About $1600 have been raised for this purpose. The $1000 promised by brethren Moore and Elliott is included in this amount. The balance of the $2000 has about been subscribed. The building has been erected and is occupied by bright young men. Brother Payseur has erected a building which is to be used for a dwelling for himself and a dormitory for girls.

This building will cost about $2500 or $3000. Also school is now running with 80 boys and girls in attendance.

We borrowed $1200 when the first building was completed to finish the payment on this building, $600 of which is due January 1, 1906. We want to raise the money between now and January, to pay this note and the

interest on the other. Brethren have been asked to visit the churches and take subscription or cash for this object. We hope the churches will respond liberally to this call.

D. P. Bridges.

SATURDAY, 9. P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. C. E. Beaver, after which the Moderator called the body to order,

W. A. Graham discussed the report of the Executive Committee which was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CCMMITTEE.

Missionaries employed:

Lincolnton, D. P. Bridges	$100.00
High Shoals, J. A. Hoyle	75.00
Piney Grove, C. E. Beaver	40.00
Startown, J. J. Payseur	40.00
Mountain View, P. W. Bangle	30.00
J. T. Edmanson	10.00
All of which has been paid	$295.00

There were other appointments which men filled only partially or not at all and there is no charge. The house at Crouse was blown down and so badly injured that it was deemed best to sell it. The trustees have the money received for it which will be applied to building a new house when thought advisable. The State Missions have made the following appropriations in our bound:

Newton	$60.90
Brookford	25.00
W. Hickory	25.00
W. Gastonia	150.00
Cline's Township	40.00
	$300.00

In Cline's township, Catawba county, brother J. M.

Shoner has baptized three persons, perhaps the first in the history of the world. The prospect for a church to be organized is very good.

W A. Graham,
J. R. Underwood,
W. C. Mullen,
E. S. Whisenant,
H. B. Moore.

D. P. Bridges, J. A. Hoyle, J. J. Payseur and C. E. Beaver made brief reports of their work under appropriations made by the Executive Committee. Livingston Johnson, Secretary of the Baptist State Convention addressed the Association in behalf of State Missions, after which pledges were made by the Churches as follows:

PLEDGES BY CHURCH FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Paid

Alexis	$ 5.00
Belmont	5.00
Bethel	10.00
Catawba	10.00
Cedar Grove	5.00
Corinth	5.00
Dallas	50.00
Gastonia	200.00
East Gastonia	25.00
Hebron	10.00
Hickory	60.00
Hickory Grove	10.00
High Shoals	5.00
Kid's Chapel	25.00
Leonard's Fork	5.00
Lincolnton	25.00
Long Creek	10.00
Long Shoals	5.00
Lucia	2.00

Macedonia	5.00
Maiden	15.00
Mt. Grove	10.00
Mt. Holly	10.00
Mt. Ruhama	5.00
Mt. View	2.00
Mt. Zion	5.50
Newton	15.00
Olivet	25.00
Penelope	2.00
Piney Grove	8.00
Providence	2.00
Reepsville	2.00
River View	10.00
Salem	10.00
Sandy Plains	10.00
Sharon	2,00
Startown	3.00
Thessalonica	5.00
Franklin Avenue	10.00
Beulah	2.00
Total	$632.50

PLEDGES BY CHURCHES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Gastonia	$50.00
East Gastonia	10 00
Hickory	40.00
Maiden	5.00
Franklin Avenue	5.00
Salem	5.00
Long Shoals	5.00
Dallas	10.00
Lincolnton	25.00
Long Creek	5.00
	$169.00

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The history of missions is but the tracking of the mighty foot-prints of Christ throughout the world and His direct impress upon the hearts and counsciences of men. The Baptist State Convention was organized on March 26, 1830, in Greenville, N. C., thus preceding the birth of the Southern Baptist Convention, Savannah, Ga., fifteen years. The settlement and history of this country is glorious and great, but the inauguration of the Missionary enterprise and its great progress is none the less significant. From 1727, when Paul Palmer, of Maryland, baptized by Rev. Owen Thomas came and introduced the Baptist cause into North Carolina the salvation of our State has occupied no secondary place in the hearts of the redeemed of God. When our Convention was organized a Board of Directors was then appointed, consisting of representatives from each Association, to give special emphasis to State evangelization, and now we are to thank God and take courage when we remember that each day there is, in America alone, a net gain of 410 Baptists. But while much has been done, yet if the days of heaven upon earth are to begin, much more must be done.

Our Secretary informs us that there are five counties in the State, with only one Baptist preacher to the county. There are four county-seats, in no one of which is there a Baptist church or preacher. These propositions, then, confront us now. The field, the time to occupy the field, the opportunity and the divine imperative with our tremendous obligations. Neither must we now begin to differentiate as to the importance of Missions-Home, State and Foreign - for all have a divine claim and importance. It is a divine work and we cannot well afford to be neutral as to the consequences, for our recreancy to this demand. The record is: Jerusalem, Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our orders are issued from the cen-

trifugal point of our authority. He from whom comes the starting word, is styled by John as having the keys of death and hell, and to be alive forever more. The opportunity is great beyond power to tell. It is to be hoped, and we recommend, enlargement by our Association. It is also to ke hoped that we will not be slow to see, hard to hear, nor be recreant to His demands. Let full duty be performed in this direction, then will the days of heaven on earth begin and we shall hail with gladness the comir g of our Lord for his own.

Respectfully,
J. L. Vipperman.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 2:30.

The report on Digest of Church Letters was read by C. W. Payseur.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your committee on place and preacher for the next session of the Associatien recommended Lincolnton as the place and W. H. Reddish to preach the Introductory sermon. Alternate J. L. Vipperman.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. Underwood,
W. A, Whitener,
T. J. Dellinger.

Resolutions offered by W. H. Reddish that in future no report shall exeeed 300 words. Resolutions adopted.

The following resolutions were offered by J. L. Vipperman.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas: As we believe the liquor traffic of the present day to be one of the greatest curses of modern times and more destructive of life than the curses of war, pestilence and famine—and filling the land with paupers and orphans and our jails and penitentiaries with criminals.

And whereas the places where it is now manufactured and sold are a constant menace to the peace and quiet of the communities which have abolished its manufacture and sale

Therefore, resolved that we hereby express our unmeasured condemnation of this gigantic evil and express our desire to see it banished from our State, and to this end we urge that the next General Assembly submit to the people an amendment to our State constitution abolishing its manufacture and sale in our State, and that a committee of three, one of which shall be our moderator, be appointed to convey this preamble and resolution to our next General Assembly and urge the enactment of the same.

W. A. Graham,
J. L. Tipperman,
J. J. Payseur,
Committee

Resolutions were adopted.

Collection for minute fund taken amounting to $3.00.

L. Johnson addressed the Pastors and Ladies on Woman's Work within the Association.

Chairman of Committees for next year were appointed as follows:

Foreign Missions, W. R. Gwaltney; State Missions, W. H. Reddish; Home Missions, J. L. Vipperman; Education, T. B. Davis; Orphanage, J. J. Payseur; Old Ministers Relief, J. A. Hoyle.

The Association was dismissed with prayer by E. J. Edwards.

SATURDAY, 7 P. M.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read by E. A. Hurley, and discussed by E. A. Hurley and C. R. Orrender.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school is the church engaged in studying and teaching the word of God.

It is one of the most important departments of christian work.

The Sunday school presents a splendid opportunity for every one to do real work for God in spreading a knowledge of his truth.

By reviewing the letters from the churches we find that 3297 people received instructions in our Sunday schools. An increase of 141 over last year.

Nine of our churches reported no school, twenty-two churches reported evergreen schools. The Committee earnestly recommend first: That our churches put forth more consecrated effort in the teaching department of our work.

2. That in every church we have a Sunday school and that every school be kept open every Snnday if possible.

3. That we put forth special effort to get the membership of the churches interested in the school

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. Hurley.

The report was adopted.

The report on education was read by W. R. Gwaltney and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney and O. L. Stringfield.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Baptists have always been the firm and earnest supporters of education, the education of the mosses in the common schools, and in the academy and colleges for the equipment of leaders.

Of all the people the Baptists should be the strongest advocates of education. They have no central creed to make Baptists and hold them together. But they were called into existence and are held together by the same in-

terpretation of the scripture, the word of God being their only authorized guide in matter of faith and practice, the people and the only people, who restrict church membership to persons making a personal and credible profession of faith in Christ, and whose churches are democratic in government, every individual member having a voice in the discipline and management. The people who are to think and act each for himself in all matters of religion must be tremendously in favor of the ample support of all our schools. We should be especially interested in the masses, for in a sense they are largely ours for we are reaching them with the gospel, as no other denomination is. We should never rest satisfied until in every district there is a first class free school of four months in the year, and we should urge parents to send their children though it cost them a great sacrifice.

The South Fork Institute demands our constant and most liberal support, and it is worthy of our most earnest co-operation.

No one can think of the boys and girls in our churches and fail to see the great need and importance of the place it was designed and is fitted to fill in our associational work; offering them opportunities for fitting themselves for usefulness in state and in church, and for reaching their highest possibilities in mental training.

It is our aim through this institution to afford opportunities to the poorest boys and girls who may have ambition to be educated, and we must never forget that Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for women in Raleigh have claims upon us which we cannot afford to disregard. And every church should make annual contributions to aid in the education of poor young men called of God to the gospel ministry and who are approved by the churches of which they are members. Also the churches should encourage these young preachers to

take a course at our Theological Seminary in Louisvillle, Ky. W. R. Gwaltney.

A vote of thanks was rendered the people of Dallas and community for the hospitable manner in which the delegates and visitors to the Association were entertained.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Carolina & North-Western Ry. Co., for reducing passenger rates for delegates and visitors to the Association.

After prayer by W. R. Gwaltney the Association adjourned to meet with the Lincolnton Baptist church on Thursday before the last Sunday in October, 1906.

W. A. Graham, Moderator,
R. S. Lewis, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Devctional services at 10 o'clock was led by T. B. Davis, after which addresses on Sabbath schools were made by L. Johnson, W R. Gwaltney and W. A. Graham.

At the morning hour O. L. Stringfield preached in the Baptist church and L. Johnson in the M. E. Church.

A collection was taken in the Baptist church for State Missions amounting te $20.00. W. R. Gwaltney preached in the Baptist church at the evening hour.

WOMANS WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the South Fork Association met in the Methodist church Friday, 4 p. m.

The Society was called to order by its Vice President, Mrs. H. B. Moore. After a short song service prayer was led by Mrs. H. B Moore.

Reports were read from Hickory, Gastonia, Maiden and Olivet, all showing considerable advance in the work. Miss Edna Ervin of Olivet, told how a country society was kept alive and at work, which was much appreciated by all. Mrs. T M. Hufham, representing the Hickory Sun-

beam Society read 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians. Mrs. C. V. Blake of Gastonia, made an address on the manner of getting members into the organization, which should be of much value to other Societies.

Mrs. S. J. Payseur and Mrs. W. H. Reddish represented Maiden and Gastonia Sunbeam Societies respectfully. The annual report was read and an address made by the Vice President Mrs. H. B. Moore, after which Rev. C. T, Willingham, returned Missionary from Japan made a splendid and inspiring talk on the importance of Woman's Work.

After silent prayer, closed by Mrs. W. H. Reddish and short song service the Society adjourned.

HOME MISSIONS.

"Be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work; for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Seeking Divine Guidance, the Home Mission cause has come down through our history as a mighty stream through the land.

Like the beautiful charity which God speaks—

"Seeketh not her own, is not puffed up." To aid in strengthening the weak places, to prepare material for the other fields of our Master's work has been the Home Mission field.

The work is divided into five separate fields, and yet these do not cover all that's done by the Home Mission Board.

1. This Board seeks to aid in reaching our own native people. Many of our best churches in our strongest towns and cities have been supported by the Home Missions, and there are many being aided today throughout our Southland. Our State Mission Board has been greatly aided and encouraged by the Home Mission Board.

2. Foreign element in the South and south western

country. Thousands have come to our country who know not our language nor do our native preachers speak their language. Our home Board has sought to keep workers among these people who could speak their languages and also to distribute Bibles and teach in their languages.

This is an enormous undertaking and has done far more than can yet be calculated.

There could be ten times as much more spent and hundreds of workers employed and still the work be far from completion.

3. The Indians of our South-land are objects of profound consideration. They greatly need a knowledge of our blessed Lord to tame natures and bless their unfortunate conditions. They need religious teaching and education. Much has been done by our Home Board to lift the people to a true knowledge of Jesus. More men and women are needed to enter this field. The Board is needing some workers now. This people touches our sympathy.

4. The work among the negroes has been carried on in a more or less experimental way. It has been extremely difficult to make a satisfactory effort or plan by which continuous aid might be given to the negroes.

It is very evident to all that the negro people need a better knowledge of the Bible, and that his moral standing should be raised by getting him more under the influence of good men. His enthusiasm for religion needs to be intelligently directed.

There has been an effort all along on the part of the Home Mission Board to extend a helping hand to the negro people and no dobt much of the advancement already achieved by this people in our South-land is due to aid extended them by the Home Mission Board and other agencies of the kind.

5. On the Islands near our borders a great interest for our Master has been conducted by the Board.

Cuba has been freed and largely through agencies put in force by the growth, and infiluence of the Mission cause under our Home Board.

This field now claims our immediate attention. Much has been done lately and much more planned. There is no field perhaps where money expended would bring greater results.

Now brethren, many of our noblest men and women are under the direction of our keeping, and the work demands that we keep in touch with the work under our Home Board. We would heartily recommend that the Home Field be read by our members. This paper is published and circulated by our Home Mission Board and will keep you posted and its funds go to advance this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Payseur.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3 It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church to be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one to be electod each year and to serve two years.

6. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, at 2 P. M., the Introductory Sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The committees of this Association shall be Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphonage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Ministers' Relief, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hours of business shall be:—Meet at 9:30 A. M.; adjourn at 12:30 P. M.; meet at 1:30 P. M.; adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

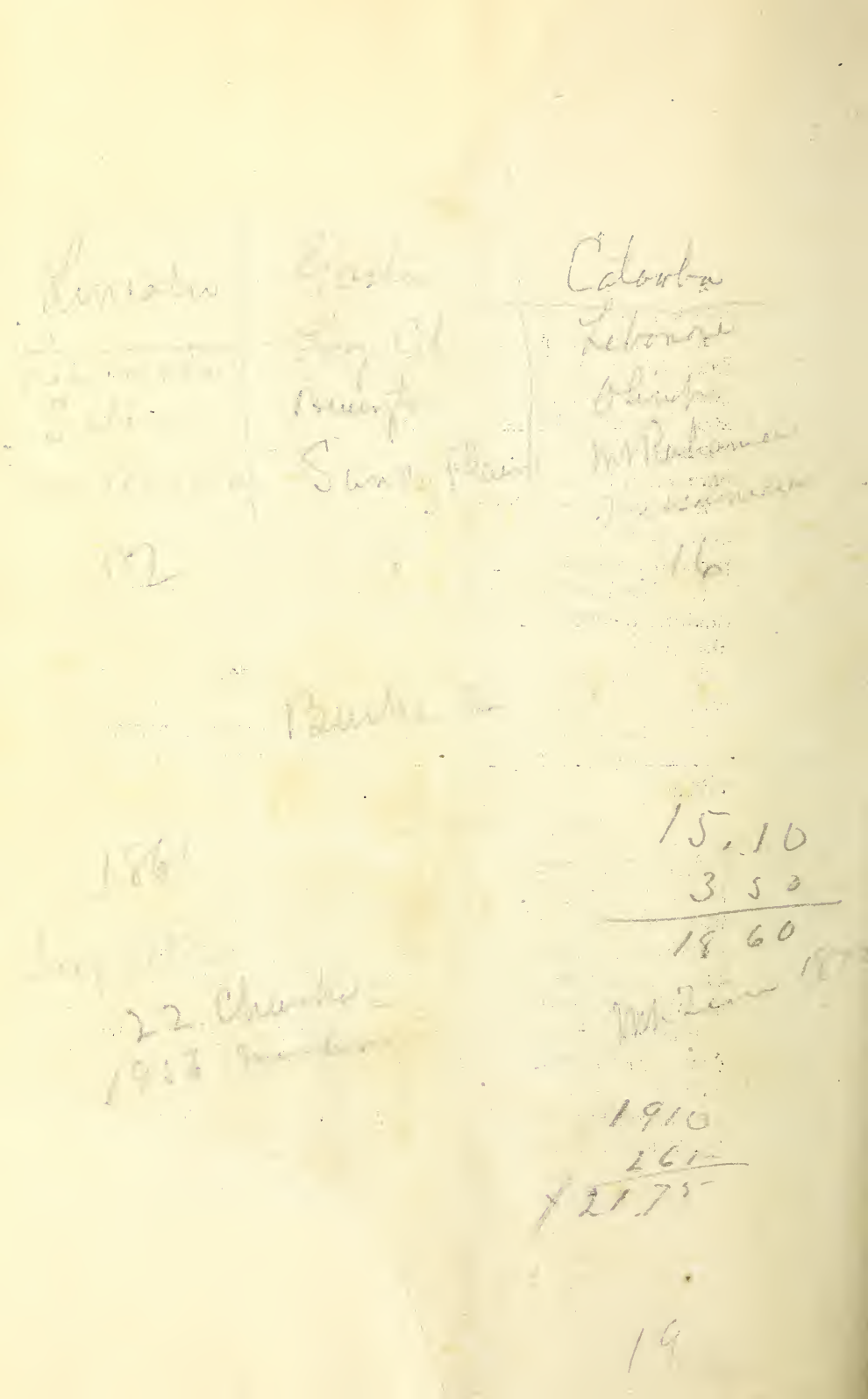
7. The clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION. (1881.)

Resolved, First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, Second, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe the rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually durthe session of the Association. (1886.)



SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—DIRECTORY FOR 1905.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	SUNDAY OF PR'CH'G	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE.	POST OFFICE.
Alexis	Gaston	C. W. Payseur	Cherriville	W. R. Rhyne	Alexis	4	J. W. Hansell	Alexis	W. H. Abernethy	Alexis
Amity	Lincoln	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	W. M. Moore	Lincolnton		T. B. Lawing	Lincolnton	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton
Belmont	Gaston	P. H. Pernell	Charlotte	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	2	A. A. Armstrong	Belmont	Miss Laura Stowe	Belmont
Beulah	Catawba	C. M. Ervin	Hickory	Wm. Johnston	Henry					
Bethel	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. C. Muller	Lincolnton	2	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	Miss Jessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Bruington	Gaston	C. W. Payseur	Cherriville	D. F. Hovis	Stanley	4	D. T. Hovis	Stanley	V. O. Morris	Stanley
Catawba	Catawba	T. B. Davis	Newton	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	1	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	Miss Pearl Aderholt	Catawba
Cedar Grove	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	J. Starr	Newton	4	J. A. Whitener	Newton	" Lizzie Whitener	Newton
Corinth	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	G. W. Hood	Plateau	2	P. G. Hevner	Jugtown	R. Abernethy	Plateau
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	C. S. Stowe	Dallas	4	R. S. Lewis	Dallas	C. R. Orrender	Dallas
Gastonia	Gaston	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia	Ev Sun	J. S. Ray	Gastonia	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia
East Gastonia	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. H. Alexander	Gastonia	1	E. A. Hurley	Gastonia	C. B. Newton	Gastonia
Franklin Ave	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	W. H. Nolen	Gastonia	4			Robt. Chaney	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	C. E. Beaver	Eufola	C. C Clark	Mt. Island	1	J. R. Osborn	Mt Island	Bettie Lowe	Mt. Island
Hickory	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev Sun	W. L. Boatright	Hickory	Mrs. W. F. Jones	Hickory
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	J. F. Abernethy	McAdensville	4	M. A. Baldwin	McAdensville	T. P. Abernethy	McAdenville
High Shoals	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	S. S. Webb	High Shoals	3	M. A. Clark	High Shoals	S. S. Webb	High Shoals
Kids Chapel	Lincoln	P. H. Purnell	Charlotte	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	4	W. A. Whitener	Machpelah	Birdie Smith	Kid's Chape
Leonards Fork	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover	Crouse	4	T. F. Cornwell	Lincolnton	Ethel Houser	Lincolnton
Lincolnton	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	W. A. Bridges	Lincolnton	Ev Sun	J. O. Allen	Lincolnton	Florence Flinck	Lincolnton
Long Creek	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	W. L. Smith	Dallas	2	H. L. Jenkins	Dallas	A. R. Holland	Dallas
Long Shoals	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	H. A. Harrell	Long Shoals	2			Docia Abernethy	Long Shoals
Lowell	Gaston	J. L. Vippermen	Dallas	A. E. Teague	Lowell	2	S. L. Bolinger	Lowell	J. E. Hendrix	Lowell
Lucia	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis						H. A. Gilland	Lowesville
Macedonia	Lincoln	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	J. Mullen	Lincolnton	3			Bessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Maiden	Lincoln	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	J. H. Whisenant	Maiden	3 & 4	E. S. Whisenanat	Maiden	Jennie Whisenant	Maiden
McAdensville	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. D. Turner	McAdenville	3	M. A. Harwell	McAdensville	J. T. Stafford	McAdensville
Mt. Grove	Catawba	T. B. Davis	Newton	L. Hoffman	Hickory	3	R. A, Crawford	Hickory	Mrs. J. B. Rocket	Hickory
Mt. Holly	Gaston	I. T. Newton	Blacksburg S. C	J. D. Howie	Mt. Holly	1	J. D. Howe	Mt Holly	J. D. Howie	Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McClure	Alexis	L. J. Caldwell	Newton		M. C. Laney	Maiden	G. W. Caldwell	Newton
Mt. View	Catawba	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	E. Litten	Maiden	2	W. E. Clark	Maiden	E. Litten	Maiden
Mt. Zion	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	W F. McAlister	Alexis	3	M. J. Hager	Alexis	F. Cloninger	Alexis
Newton	Catawba	I. B. Davis	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	4	G. W. Cochrane	Newton	Etta Curtis	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	I. B. Davis	Newton	J. T. Ervin	Catawba	2	O. Brown	Long Island	J. T. Ervin	Catawba
Penelope	Burke	I. A. Rector	Morganton	J. W. Hendrer	Hickory	4	J. R. Hosley	Hickory	J. W. Hedron	Hickory
Piney Grove	Catawba	C. E. Beaver	Eufola	L. Setzer	Newton	2	J. A. Bandy	Catawba	J. C. Barker	Newton
Providence	Catawba			Chas. Hewitt	Catawba					
Providence II	Catawba	Lawson Rogers	Mull Grove	R. L. Asherbraner	Henry	4	Geo. Yount	Henry	J. S. Hoffman	Hayseed
Reepsville	Lincoln	W. F. Hall	Camp Creek	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	4	L. A Bangle	Reepsville	Alice Bangle	Reepsville
River View	Lincoln	C. W. Payseur	Cherriville	E. C. Huss	South Side	2	A. L. Cline	Southside	Mattie Williams	Southside
Salem	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	D. F. Clanton	Lincolnton	2	C. H. Huggins	Worth	Jno. Harrell	Lincolnton
Sandy Plains	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia	4	J. L. Featherson	Lowell	J. L. Featherston	Lowell
Sharon	Lincoln	D. P. Bridges	Lincolnton	L. A. Abernethy	Machpelah	1			L. A. Abernethy	Machpelah
Spencer Mountain	Gaston									
Startown	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	Mrs. W. L. Killian	Newton	4			Mrs W. L. Killian	Newton
Thessalonica	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	W. P. Rhoney	Newton	2	W. P. Roney	Newton	W. P. Phoney	Newton
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	C. W. Ervin	Hickory	A. J. Cook	Hickory		A. J. Cook	Hickory	A. J. Cook	Hickory
Webb's Chapel	Gaston	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	C. D. Weaver	Lincolnton	3			C. D. Weaver	Lincolnton

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—TABLE OF CONTRIBUTION FOR 1905.

CHURCHES.	PAS'R'S SALARY	BUILDI'G AND REPAIRS	INCIDENTALS	SUNDAY SCHOOL EXP'N'S	THE POOR	ASSOCIATIONAL MISSION	STATE MISSION	HOME MISSION	FREIGN ISSION	SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION	COLPORTAGE	ORPHANAGE	C'LL'GE AND SCHOOL	MINISTERIAL ED'T'N	OLD M'N'S'R RELIEF	OTHER OBJECTS	TOTALS
Alexis	.....	.....	5.00	7.50	.....	4.00	.....	3.00	5.00	1.00	.....	6.00	.....	1.06	1.00	25.00	58.56
Amity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.06	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.06
Belmont	125.00	115.75	5.00	15.25	1.90	5.00	1.00	1.00	4.86	.....	.....	.....	3.35	.....	.....	15.05	311.16
Beulah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	.....	42.32	3.45	.....	.....	13.41	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	2.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	71.17
Bruington	.....	55.80	25.00	6.00	7.35	1.82	1.00	3.00	15.00	.....	.....	6.48	1.00	.....	2.00	.....	124.45
Catawba	100.00	30.00	1.50	.....	.....	1.73	3.57	2.87	11.00	.....	.....	4.79	.....	.....	.....	.90	156.36
Cedar Grove	25.00	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	3.33	1.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	38.33
Corinth	75.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	1.36	3.00	3.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	88.36
Dallas	350.00	.....	71.00	55.00	.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	30.00	.....	5.00	.....	531.00
Gastonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.3	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.7	10.03
East Gastonia	1111.52	53.50	20.85	64.25	22.9	.....	212.01	202.95	990.79	.....	.....	214.22	50.00	20.45	8.53	234.00	2995.16
Franklin Ave	189.81	437.56	113.71	26.16	.....	.....	1.2	1.20	31.52	.....	24.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	241.3
Hebron	12.00	.....	60.00	49.79	.....	5.0	.....	1.35	.....	.....	.....	5.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2:62.13
Hickory	1067.50	142.27	289.2	173.62	24.32	24.6	56.39	52.55	00.00	.....	.....	147.79	55.00	22.00	13.33	77.56	654.64
Hickory Grove	85.00	506.33	25.81	12.00	7.15	2.0	2.00	1.00	10 00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	1.25	.....	1068.8
High Shoals	45.00	1000.00	5.00	15.00	.....	2.6	1.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1068.8
Kids Chapel	100.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	24.75	.....	.....	6.27	1.76	.....	20.08	5.00	1.60	2.00	25.00	189.46
Leonards Fork	65.00	.....	15.0	.....	.....	2.5	2.50	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	3.00	15.00	1.00	.....	.....	109 00
Lincolnton	400.00	57.00	93.22	25.31	2.00	25.00	25.00	5.00	00.00	.....	2.00	36.00	60.00	2.00	.....	62.00	900.53
Long Creek	.....	56 55	26.1	.....	.....	1.5	5.	1.50	1.00	.....	.....	2.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	93.98
Long Shoals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.75	.....	14.78
Lowell	184.67	.....	5.00	.....	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.50	12.00	.....	.....	5.10	.....	.....	.....	4.80	219.55
Lucia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	80.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	3.00	2.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	90.40
Maiden	150.00	.....	8.27	27.12	6.5	7.1	7.30	11.10	33.64	2.10	6.10	9.68	.....	.....	.....	.40	270.91
McAdensville	250.00	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	84.00
Mt. Grove	75.00	.....	.....	7 30	.....	2.88	3.00	3.00	8.00	1.53	.....	3.09	.....	.....	1.00	45.00	104.80
Mt. Holly	91.57	.....	7.0	12.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.55	141.77
Mt. Ruhama	48.20	.....	12.0	13.50	.....	3.00	3.0	.....	2.00	.....	.....	1.56	.....	.....	.....	.....	83.26
Mt. View	.....	50.00	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00
Mt. Zion	100.00	.....	25.00	16.26	.....	5.0	1.00	5.00	34.15	.....	.....	2.00	10.57	.....	1.00	1.00	201.16
Newton	125.00	26.00	.....	18.87	8.0	5.00	5.00	5.00	9.12	1.59	.....	24.63	6.50	2.20	2.00	.....	288.91
Olivet	141.00	400.00	2.00	37.52	2.00	10.00	12.25	10.00	26.73	5.00	.....	10.00	85.00	....	1.00	33.00	793.50
Penelope	40.00	.....	1.50	1.5	.....	.....	1.50	.80	1.75	.....	.....	3.25	.....	.....	.....	.4	51.75
Piney Grove	30.00	.....	18.00	1.00	.....	6.45	2.65	.....	3.45	.....	.....	2.60	25.00	.....	.....	.....	88.75
Providence	.....	.....	9.00	.....	.....	1.50	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.74	.....	.....	.....	15.00	27.24
Providence II	40.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	1.50	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	1.06	.....	47.56
Reepsville	75.00	.....	10.00	11.0	.....	2.00	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	101.00
River View	110.00	27.15	4.00	15.5	7.00	7.4	.....	7.50	14.05	.....	.....	9.12	5.25	2.00	2.00	23.12	234.09
Salem	75.00	2.00	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 1.00
Sandy Plains	100.00	.....	12.00	2.89	.....	5.97	5.97	4.44	4.44	3.07	.....	3.77	.....	.....	3.57	5.10	169.22
Sharon	.....	.....	9.35	.....	.....	4.7	2.00	2.95	2.25	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.82	24.07
Spencer Mountain	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Startown	25.00	.....	2.00	.....	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	.50	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.60	9.00	48.10
Thessalonica	45.00	.....	.....	4.00	.....	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	.....	.25	2.00	.53	1.00	1.00	17.01	76.79
Warlick's Chapel	18.00	.....	1.50	2.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.50
Webb's Chapel	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	1.25	.....	53.25
Total	$5712.27	$3002.13	$900.46	$701.34	$113.31	$204.60	$384.95	$355.79	$1774.77	$18.55	$32.51	$556.13	$552.38	$54.31	$49.37	$608.90	$14,521.87

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1905.

CHURCHES.	Contituted.	ADDITIONS				DIMNUT'NS				MEMBERSHIP			SUN. SCHOOL			C'H PROPERTY	
		Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers & Teachers	Pupils	Total	Seating Capacity	VALUE
Alexis	1903	3	13	...	16	...	...	...	2	25	36	62	8	57	65	400	1000
Amity	1905	3	7	...	10	.....	...	...	.....	5	5	10	3	70	73	.....	.....
Belmont	1874	...	.....	...	.....	1	...	...	1	36	50	86	7	40	47	300	600
Beulah	1905	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	5	11	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethel	1895	1	.....	...	1	2	...	...	2	23	42	65	7	35	42	350	500
Bruington	1853	4	.....	1	5	12	1	3	16	31	43	74	6	40	46	350	500
Catawba	1875	1	1	...	2	1	...	1	2	19	25	44	.....	.....	.....	350	3000
Cedar Grove	1902	1	1	...	2	1	4	...	5	7	16	23	3	18	21	300	400
Corinth	.....	1	2	...	3	2	...	...	2	35	45	80	9	85	94	300	500
Dallas	1879	3	24	...	27	7	...	...	7	40	40	80	5	40	45	400	1200
East Gastonia	1901	8	18	...	26	39	1	...	40	60	92	152	11	204	215	700	2500
Franklin Ave	1905	...	26	...	26	.....	...	...	.....	13	13	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gastonia	1884	25	52	...	77	29	4	5	38	104	168	272	12	330	342	600	10000
Hebron	1883	22	7	1	30	8	...	2	10	43	36	79	9	105	114	300	900
Hickory	1870	9	13	1	23	16	1	4	21	103	171	274	24	290	314	700	14650
Hickory Grove	1883	9	1	...	10	1	1	...	2	65	86	151	7	50	57	500	200
High Shoals	1902	10	11	...	21	3	...	...	3	15	23	38	7	80	87	500	1200
Kids Chapel	1872	20	4	1	25	1	2	1	4	51	74	125	6	54	60	300	800
Leonards Fork	1882	5	.....	2	7	3	...	...	3	23	47	70	5	45	50	300	700
Lincolnton	1859	20	16	1	37	9	...	1	10	50	80	130	10	70	80	300	3000
Long Creek	1772	7	7	...	14	13	...	1	14	60	91	151	7	50	57	400	1000
Long Shoals	1901	1	9	...	10	3	...	...	3	11	26	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lowell	1892	3	2	...	5	14	...	9	23	51	72	123	9	96	105	300	1000
Lucia	1903	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia	1869	6	.....	...	6	9	...	2	11	65	80	145	.....	.....	.....	450	400
Maiden	1891	1	9	...	10	8	...	2	10	77	106	183	13	140	153	400	700
McAdensville	1887	9	.....	...	9	13	8	1	22	77	143	220	13	150	163	400	1000
Mt. Grove	1881	6	.....	...	6	5	1	...	6	38	62	100	6	79	85	300	400
Mt. Holly	1890	6	7	3	16	5	...	4	9	30	70	100	6	40	46	300	600
Mt. Ruhama	1816	7	3	1	11	3	...	3	6	98	160	258	14	115	129	400	500
Mt. View	1853	6	6	2	14	2	...	...	2	22	44	66	11	78	89	500	700
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Piney Grove	1904	7	8	...	15	.....	...	...	.....	20	26	46	6	60	66	.....	.....
Providence	1852	2	3	...	5	1	...	2	3	8	22	30	.....	.....	.....	200	200
Providence II	1878	...	.....	2	2	.....	1	...	1	21	31	52	2	30	32	200	500
Reepsville	1899	...	4	...	4	.....	2	1	3	29	52	81	8	52	60	300	400
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Salem	1847	4	1	1	6	3	...	2	5	36	54	90	7	50	57	400	600
Sandy Plains	1863	23	.....	4	27	4	...	...	4	52	68	120	8	50	58	400	600
Sharon	1884	1	1	1	3	2	...	...	2	17	21	38	.....	.....	.....	300	200
Spencer Mountain	1902	...	.....	...	.....	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Startown	1896	...	1	...	1	.....	...	...	.....	4	11	15	.....	.....	.....	300	400
Thessalonica	1830	7	1	...	8	14	2	...	16	15	31	46	4	60	64	300	300
Warlick's Chapel	1815	7	.....	...	7	.....	...	1	1	37	83	120	7	56	63	500	1000
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The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

Lincolnton, N. C., October 25, 1906.

The South Fork Baptist Association met in its 28th annual session with the Lincolnton Baptist church at 1 o'clock p. m., October 25, 1906.

J. L. Vipperman and J. S. Wray were appointed reading clerks. The letter from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Alexis—G. I. Payseur.

Amity—S. M. Ballard.

Belmont—Jas. Leeper.

Beulah—P. Tallent, Rev. C. M. Ervin.

Bethel—C. M. Wells, W. C. Mullen, M. J. Keener.

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Faith—Rev. J. M. Ballard, B. E. Ballard, A. N. Jones.

Gastonia, 1st church—Rev. W. H. Reddish, W. J. Clifford, L. L. Jenkins, J. S. Wray.

Hebron—M. Shives.

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Leonard's Fork—Lawrence Houser, T. J. Hoover.

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Long Creek—H. L. Jenkins, A. Hoffman.
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Lowell—John Hoffman, Robt. Harris.
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Mount Holly—Letter only.
Mount Ruhama—Letter only.
Mountain View—E. Litten.
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Piney Grove—J. C. Barker.
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River View—E. C. Huss, E. D. Canipe.
Salem—Letter only.
Sandy Plains—S. E. Beattie, N. A. Jenkins.
Sharon—C. A. Lineberger.
Startown—Macon Bollinger.
Thessalonica—W. P. Rhoney, W. A. Chapman.
Warlick's Chapel—Letter only.
Webb's Chapel— A. L. Baker, F. B. Carpenter.

The Association then organized by re-electing the old officers: W. A. Graham, Moderator; R. S. Lewis, Clerk; W. C. Mullen, Treasurer.

H. B. Moore and E. S. Whisenant were re-elected members of the Executive Committee to serve two years. W. A. Graham was lected delegate, Baylus Cade, alternate, to the Southern Baptist Convention. J. A. Hoyle, J. L. Vipperman and W. H. Reddish were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

W. H. Reddish was elected member of the State Mission Board.

Livingston Johnson, Secretary of the State Mission Board; Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children; Rev. J. F. Davis, from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association; J. F. Farmer, representing the Biblical Recorder; F. W. Hancock, representing Oxford Female Seminary, and Rev. A. H. Simms from King's Mountain Association, were recognized.

Report on Place and Preacher read as follows:

REPORT ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your committee on place and preacher for the next session of the Association name Olivet as the place and Baylus Cade to preach the introductory sermon. Alternate J. L. Vipperman.

LAWRENCE HOUSER,
J. T. ERVIN,
R. M. LOWE.

Report adopted.

State Missions made special order for Friday at 10 o'clock a. m., and Orphanage made special order for Friday at 2:30 p. m.

The Treasurer read the following report which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

South Fork Association, Lincolnton, N. C., Oct. 25, 1906.

To Balance on hand at Association	$ 99.89
To collections reported at Association	83.50
To amount from financial committee	503.22
To amount sent in since Association	333.74
Total	$1020.35
By amounts paid out for the various objects since the Association	819.14
Balance on hand	$ 201.21

This balance all belongs to Associational Missions.

$127.90 has been paid on Associational Mission work for this year.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. C. MULLEN, Treas.

Dismissed with prayer by J. A. Hoyle.

THURSDAY—7:30 P. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by W. H. Reddish, from Acts 9:1-22. O. L. Stringfield from Yancy County Association was recognized. General Education was made special order for Friday 11 o'clock. Foreign Missions made special order for Friday 7:30 p. m.

Dismissed with prayer by W. R. Gwaltney.

FRIDAY 9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Devotional exercise was led by Rev. A. H. Simms.

New church, Faith, was received into the Association.

F. H. Hancock addressed the Association in behalf or Oxford Female Seminary. Report on State Missions was read by W. H. Reddish and discussed by Baylus Cade, W. R. Gwaltney, and Livingston Johnson.

STATE MISSIONS.

The work of our State Mission Board is fundamental. In contributing to State Missions we are lengthening the cords and srengthening the stakes of all our denominational enterprises. The fields are white already to harvest.

The Eastern Section.

In the eastern part of our State the destitution of vital Christianity is great, and the laborers are few. Here the call is for houses of worship, and for men—for men with a message from God and men who are able to battle successfully with Hardshellism which has led almost its thousands into cold fatalism. Into this goodly land have gone Mormonism and the doctrine of Sinless Perfection, together with other deadly doctrines which need to be supplanted by the Gospel of our Lord, as we hold it.

The Central Section.

The central section, more rapidly than any other part of our State, is becoming famous for its various manufacturing enterprises. Along with this commercial progress towers are built in a night. Hence, we have in our Piedmont section large spiritual destitution, and have to lean upon our State Mission Board, the

strong arm of our denominational life, to supply this promising field with the Gospel.

The Western Section.

The mountainous section of the State has enough houses of worship and enough preachers. The call here is for education, and when this call has been rightly heeded no doubt we shall have as a result fewer churches, but better and more wisely located churches; fewer preachers, but better trained and more spirit-filled preachers, and a great army of wealthy and consecrated Christian laymen, able and ready to fill our recruiting stations with funds and with men to take the world for our Lord and His Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. REDDISH.

Report adopted.

Archibald Johnson addressed the body in behalf of the Thomasville Orphanage. President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, and Rev. C. J. Thomas, of Durham, N. C., Vice President of the Home Mission Board were recognized.

Dismissed with prayer by J. L. Vipperman.

FRIDAY—2 O'CLOCK.

The Association was called to order and A. H. Simms offered prayer. Report on Education was read by T. B. Davis.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Just now education is the biggest thing in North Carolina, even greater than politics. Beginning with the administration of the great Baptist commoner, Chas. B. Aycock, an educational awakening began in towns and country of North Carolina, until now our State is striding, as it were, in seven league boots to the very front ranks of educational progress.

Those principles of pure democracy as ever advocated and defended by Baptists, demand that the "individual unit" be developed in order that these teachings may be clearly grasped and in-

telligently exercised. In the past, the great Baptist strong-hold has been among the country people, and largely from among these must come our future leaders in church and State. Then it behooves us to see to it that in every Association there is at least one good Baptist preparatory school for the boys and girls coming from the public schools. And where such a school is found, let our people stand by it with their most hearty support, and not send that boy or girl elsewhere. Baptists can offer the best educational advantages in North Carolina.

We most heartily commend the following institutions to the people of the South Fork Association: For preparatory education, the South Fork Institute. The trustees have lately added a much needed principal's home and an equally necessary girls' dormitory. This places our school among the very best equipped academic plants. Let us remember that our trustees are not rich men, and that this additional expense must be shared by those whom they represent. This school is worthy of our most loyal support; then, let us help it with our money and patronage.

For those who desire a school of higher grade and lower than our colleges, we recommend Mars Hill College as the cheapest and best school of its kind in North Carolina.

Wake Forest College and the Baptist University for Women are unexcelled for the advantages to young men and women desiring a thorough preparation for life.

Therefore, let us, in Christian education, be a Baptist and a half. Let us stand by Baptist schools and colleges with our prayers, our money and our children.

THEO. B. DAVIS,
For the Committee.

Dr. W. L. Poteat addressed the Association.

Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by J. L. Vipperman.

HOME MISSIONS.

The interest in Home Missions continues to grow and deepen. Our people are thinking and praying about Home Missions. The words of our Master must not be forgotten. Our divine ordinance are to preach the Gospel to every nation beginning at Jerusalem.

The object of missions is that of saving men and to this work God, in the abundance of His grace, calls us, and we are responsible to Him for our attitude in this great work for which He died, and for which churches were established in the world.

A Year of Enlargement.

Enlargement has been the key word of the year's work. Every department has been filled with this expanding idea. Truly Home Missions have moved into the open sea of opportunity. The watch word is, "The Southland for the Baptists." Conditions are as if God himself had said; enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation.

The Field of the Home Board.

In the cities among the foreigners, the Mountain School work in Cuba, work among the negroes, church building department, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. In percentage of increase, it is said that Louisville, Atlanta and Nashville during the past year surpass all other cities of like size and larger in the United States. In connection with the city work, we must remember the flood of immigration continues. Ellis Island is crowded with immigrants, all records being broken. More than eleven thousand arrived in New York harbor March 29th, 1906. That record was broken two weeks later, when, on April 15th, eleven thousand, eight hundred and thirty-nine arrived by steamship.

Our missionaries at the immigration piers in Baltimore and Galveston tell of great arrivals in those cities.

Woman's Work.

They have heartily accepted the recommendations of our board, and have pursued their work with increasing intelligence and consecration. In a number of the States notable increase in the enlistment of new workers has been achieved. The organization of the work has become more thorough, and its power more distinctly felt. Their offerings make the splendid sum of $37,263.16 for Home Missions during the year. This is an advance over the previous year, of $6,564.84. What would it be if all of our women were enlisted.

Home Field.

The circulation of the Home Field has gone forward steadily.

January 1st, 1906, we reached the thirty thousand mark, there should yet be an increase.

Finances.

Last year $145,705.31 for all the States. This year we have received from the various States, $167,899.88; and from miscellaneous scources, $8,511.33, a total of $176,411.23; making a total gain over last year of $30,705.92.

Evangelism.

The Convention at Chattanooga in May, 1906, without recommendations from the Home board, passed the following resolutions:

First. That the Convention instruct its Home Mission Board to create the apartment of evangelism, and that a general evangelism with as many associates as practical be employed.

Second. That the Home Board be requested to adopt such measures and methods as may be found necessary to give effectiveness to this department of our work.

Third. That in view of this advanced work, our people be requested to increase their contributions by at least $25,000.00 for its support, and that the Home Mission Board be instructed to take the necessary step to raise this amount in addition to the amount needed for other work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. VIPPERMAN

Rev. C. J. Thomas addressed the Association.

Report adopted.

Dismissed with prayer by Livingston Johnson.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Association opened with prayer led by Rev. J. D. Moose.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed by W. R. Gwaltney.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The people of the whole world were never so restless as they are today. There was never such a spirit of discontent with con-

ditions as they are. The desire to think for ones self is rapidly possessing the people of every nation. One writer has said: "An intellectual revolution is sweeping over the world and breaking down established opinions, dissolving foundations on which historical faiths have been built up on. Old superstitionists are losing their grasp. The dead creeds of fossil faith are being shattered by the movement of life underneath."

We see this in old China where they are tearing down their temples, and turning them into school houses, destroying their idols, and gathering in crowds to save the people. In Italy, Brazil and Mexico the people are becoming profoundly indifferent to the claims of their established religion (Roman Catholic religion), Russia, in her desperate struggle to throw off the yoke of despotism under Gods ruling hand is being opened to the people by His Son. There are already thousands of Baptists among her people, though forbidden by government to bear the name.

But why speak of any particular country? The doors of every nation are open, and every field is white with the harvest. The harvest is great, and the laborers are few, but earnest prayers are being offered for laborers, and God is calling them.

Since May, 1904, more than seventy have been sent to foreign fields by our Board in Richmond. Many more are asking to be sent. The success of the missions in all the fields is marvelous, last year 2,445 baptisms reported. In many of the fields the missionaries are baptizing more each year than most of our pastors in our home land.

We have in all, on the fields, 214 churches, 372 out stations, 189 missionaries and 300 native helpers, 12,894 church members, and 114 houses of worship, 173 schools, and 5,232 scholars, 67 Sunday schools, 2,093 scholars. $26,104.97 was contributed last year by these churches.

In the training schools there are about 100 preachers preparing for their life work.

In our hospitals thousands are annually treated, and thereby brought to hear the Gospel, and many are thus brought to Christ.

Our publication societies in China, Italy and Brazil are rapidly sowing the seeds of the Gospel, and are bringing many to the saving knowledge of the truth.

Last year $315,248.84 were raised and expended, as stated in the

minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptists of North Carolina gave to this object last year nearly $24,000.00 and are asked to give not less than $25,000.00 this year.

Last year this Association gave more to foreign missions than any one of the sixty Associations in the State, should we not do the same this year also.

W. R. GWALTNEY.

Report adopted.

Report of the trustees of South Fork Institute was read and discussed by Baylus Cade.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

The trustees of the South Ford Institute beg leave to submit the following report as to the work and needs of the institution. Since the last session of the Association two terms of the school have been completed and the school has just entered on another year's work. The school with the fall term has entered the fourth year of its existence. The showing made by the school for the year that has passed has been in the main satisfactory. The grade of work being done by our school is equal to the work of the best schools of the State. Everyone that spoke of our principal, Bro. J. J. Payseur, gave him credit for being an excellent teacher. The average attendance of scholars for the past year was 50. This is not as good a report as to the number of scholars that we should be able to make. The trustees have used their best efforts in behalf of the school, but they can not bring in the scholars. It is for the Baptists of this Association to furnish the boys and girls to fill this, their school. The school began in the fall of 1903 with an enrollment of 36 scholars. We have today in the school 65 scholars. The interest in the school has not been such as the trustees would like to have seen. Every church in this Association should feel that it owes a duty to the South Fork Institute and should rally to its support. The South Fork Institute now has property to the value of $12,500.00, distributed as follows: large, commodious school building; boy's dormitory containing 20 rooms, recently completed, nicely painted, presenting a handsome appearance; girl's dormitory containing 17 rooms, just finished, painted two coats inside even to the roof; a beautiful building; cottage

containing 5 rooms, new, nicely painted, very attractive in appearance; large barn and several outbuildings.

The girl's dormitory is such a building as would be a credit to any of our institutions of learning throughout the State.

We now come to our financial statement.

Collected from all sources during the year .. ..$ 396.90

Our present indebtedness is as follows:

On main school building 1400.00
On boys' dormitory 450.00
On girls' dormitory, just purchased 5,000.00

Total $6,800.00

Brother J. J. Payseur, who has been serving the school for the past two years as principal, has resigned, his resignation to take effect January 1st, 1907. The board makes appeal to the Baptists of this Association that they be loyal to their own institution. Loyalty and faithfulness to the school on the part of our people will insure the continued success of our institution, which it richly deserves.

W. H. REDDISH, Chairman.

OSBORN BROWN, Secretary.

W. H. Reddish announced the election of O. L. Stringfield, principal of South Fork Institute, after which Bro. Stringfield spoke briefly.

Report adopted.

The following resolution was offered by W. R. Gwaltney and adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That this Association call Rev. O. L. Stringfield to be its general evangelist, the duties of the work to be aranged by him and the Executive Committee.

Dismissed with prayer by W. H. Reddish.

SATURDAY—9:30 A. M.

Devotional service was led by J. L. Vipperman.

Minutes of Friday were read and approved.

The following resolution was offered by J. A. Hoyle and adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That in future the Association dispense with the reading of church letters, except the names of delegates.

Sunday Schools made special order for Saturday, 7:30 p. m.

Rev. W. F. Hull of the Catawba River Association was recognized.

The report of the Executive Committee was read by W. R. Gwaltney and discussed by W. A. Graham, W. R. Gwaltney and Baylus Cade.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following appropriations have been made this year:

Rev. J. T. Edmundson, evangelistic services	$ 70.00
Rev. Baylus Cade, Lincolnton	125.00
Rev. C. E. Beaver, Piney Grove	25.00
Rev. C. E. Beaver, Lucia	40.00
Rev. T. B. Davis, Startown	20.00
Rev. T. B. Davis, Newton, Sherrills, etc	70.00
Rev. J. J. Payseur, Cedar Grove	25.00
Rev. J. J. Paysuer, Startown	10.00
Rev. P. W. Bangle, Mt. View	20.00
Rev. J. E. Cronister, Hardin	25.00
Rev. J. A. Hoyle, South Point	12.50
Rev. J. A. Hoyle, Faith	25.00
Rev. J. A. Hoyle, Lucia	100.00
Total	$ 567.50

On account of the rainy weather and sickness the appointments of the evangelist were not held as expected, but we think good was accomplished at the points where services were held. Several points when appointments were arranged we failed to procure preachers and nothing was done.

The State Mission Board has aided us as follows:

J. A. Hoyle, Loray	$ 150.00
T. B. Davis, Newton	60.00
J. M. Shaver, Catawba Springs	40.00
Total	$ 250.00

The Association has paid to State Missions $277.43.

Spencer Mountain church was dissolved this year. The last pastor, J. Woodard, was guilty of gross immorality and dishonesty, and is now in the penitentiary in Georgia, and has been deposed from the ministry.

W. A. GRAHAM,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
E. S. WHISENANT,
W. C. MULLEN,
H. B. MOORE,

The following resolution was offered by Baylus Cade, which was adopted:

Resolved, That each church take a collection to aid in building Lucia church and forward the amounts to H. A. Gilliland, Lowesville, N. C., as early as practicable.

P. W. Bangle, J. E. Cronister, J. A. Hoyle and T. B. Davis made brief reports of their work under appropriations made by the Executive Committee.

Action on the report was deferred until the afternoon session.

S. F. Conrad, representing the North Carolina Baptist, was recognized.

Dismissed with prayer by E. S. Whisenant.

Pledges for Associational Missions were made as follows:

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Alexis	$ 5.00	Macedonia	6.00
Amity	6.00	Maiden	25.00
Belmont	10.00	McAdensville	10.00
Beulah	3.00	Mtn. Grove	10.00
Bethel	15.00	Mt. Holly	10.00
Catawba	10.00	Mt. Ruhama	5.00
Cedar Grove	5.00	Mtn. View	3.00
Corinth	5.00	Mt. Zion	10.00
Dallas	50.00	Newton	20.00
Faith	5.00	Olivet	30.00
Gastonia	200.00	Penelope	3.00
East Gastonia	25.00	Piney Grove	8.00
Hebron	10.00	Providence	3.00
Hickory	75.00	Providence 2nd	5.00
Hickory Grove	12.00	Reepsville	5.00
Lucia	5.00	River View	10.00

High Shoals	5.00	Salem	10.00
Kids Chapel	25.00	Sandy Plains	12.00
Loray	10.00	Sharon	3.00
Leonard's Fork	8.00	Startown	5.00
Lincolnton	50.00	Thessalonica	6.00
Long Creek	10.00	Warlick's Chapel	5.00
Long Shoals	6.00	Webb's Chapel	2.00
Lowell	10.00		
Total			$771.00

SATURDAY—2 P. M.

The Association was opened with prayer by J. A. Hoyle.

Discussion of the report of the Executive Committee was resumed by W. A. Graham, W. H. Reddish, W. R. Gwaltney, after which the report was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by W. C. Mullen, and adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your finance committee begs leave to report that the amounts paid in on the several objects are as follows:

Minute Fund	$ 42.00
Sunday School Missions	3.25
State Missions	71.84
Associational Missions	270.32
Home Missions	70.81
Foreign Missions	133.34
Educational	4.00
Orphanage	51.57
Ministerial Relief	12.90
Poor	1.00
Associational School	2.50
Total	$ 663.55

W. C. MULLEN,
A. J. COOK,
J. F. CLICK,

Report on Periodicals read by Baylus Cade, as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The printed page is next to the living voice in the power it has for making the Gospel that saves known to the children of men. In some ways it has, indeed, advantages over the living voice. It enables men to put their great thoughts of and for the Kingdom into fixed form. It enables great messages from God to be given to thousands upon thousands of people, where the living voice may speak to no more than scores, or hundreds. It enables the messenger to speak to multitudes of men again and again, where the living voice is heard but once, and is then forever silent.

No Christian man may be properly said to avail himself of his entirety of privilege for self-education and self-training for usefulness in the Kingdom of God, who does not make a large use of the printed page.

North Carolina Baptists are particularly rich in the number and character of their denominational periodicals.

First, and always foremost, we mention the Biblical Recorder. This paper has a splendid history, it rejoices in a large place in the hearts and in the homes of our people; it is second in ability and fidelity to no Baptist paper in the entire South.

Second, we have Charity and Children, a paper wholly unique in the religious journalism of this country; and the ablest orphanage paper in the world. Its editor loves all good men and things, and he seems to fear nothing in the universe but God!

Third, we have the North Carolina Baptist, a paper whose popular price, and whose loyal character, does most powerfully appeal to the great masses of our people for the support of a wide and intelligent reading.

Fourth, we have the Piedmont Evangelist, a modest youngling, three and a half months old, who comes to our Baptist people, and, holding up its young hands to them, does plead with the generous amongst them to see if they will not help it to grow out of its swaddling clothes and become after awhile something really good.

Outside of the State, we have the Home Field, and the Foreign Mission Journal, devoted respectively to the promotion of Home and Foreign Missions.

All of these periodicals want and should have a much wider reading by our people than they have ever had hitherto.

Respectfully submitted,

BAYLUS CADE,
E. C. HUSS,
I. M. HILDERBRAND,

Discussed by Baylus Cade, S. F. Conrad, W. H. Reddish, W. A. Graham and W. R. Gwaltney, after which it was adopted.

Report on Digest of Church Letters was read and discussed by J. S. Wray, and adopted. This report will be found condensed, in table of contributions, showing per capita amount given to benevolent objects.

Chairmen of Committees.

Chairmen of Committees for next year were appointed as follows:

State Missions—W. R. Gwaltney; Foreign Hissions, Baylus Cade; Home Missions, W. R. Reddish; Education, J. L| Vipperman; Orphanage, W. B. McClure; Old Ministers Relief, C. A. Caldwell; South Fork Institute, O. L. Stringfield.

Report on Old Ministers Relief read by J. A. Hoyle, and adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS.

God in His wisdom and mercy gave His Son Jesus Christ to die for a lost world and that the world might hear of His great love, has called men to preach His Gospel. Many in our own State have labored as long as their strength would permit but old age and infirmities have caused them to give up their much loved work. They are now depending largely upon their brethren for a support. The minutes of last year reported $49.37 for this object. Let the delegates and pastors bring this matter before our churches and take a collection as early as possible for these aged brethren.

J. A. HOYLE.

Dismissed with prayer by Baylus Cade.

SATURDAY--7:30 P. M.

The Association was opened with prayer led by C. M. Ervin.

J. F. Click read the following report on Sunday Schools, which was discussed by J. F. Click, J. S. Wray, L. L. Jenkins, Baylus Cade and W. A. Graham, and which was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is one of the most important branches of our Christian work, toward the evangelization of the world. Today it is doing more and greater work than ever before, and there is greater interest taken in the Sunday School than ever in the history of our Association.

We believe that the Sunday School Institute, and the work of our beloved Bro. H. C. Moore has added greatly to the cause. We believe every church should have a Sunday School and every member ought to take an active part who can possibly do so. That the greater part of the Christian people today have been brought up in the Sunday School. Of those being added to the church, more than seventy per cent are from the Sunday School. That some of the churches are doing a good work in the Sunday School in many places, where there is no preaching. We recommend that more of this mission work be done in the bounds of our Association. Brethren, let us do all within our power to get the boys and girls within our reach in the Sunday School.

H. B. CRONISTER,
E. S. WHISENANT.

The following resolution offered by Baylus Cade was adopted:

Resolved, That W. A. Graham, W. H. Reddish and W. R. Gwaltney be made a committee to arrange a program and name a date for a Sunday School Convention provided the date shall embrace the fifth Sunday.

The following resolution offered by Baylus Cade was adopted:

Resolved, That J. L. Vipperman, W. H. Reddish and W. R. Gwaltney be made a committee to arrange for a Ministers Conference.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the officers and delegates of the South Fork Association here assembled express our thanks to the members of this, and other, churches of Lincolnton for the hospitality they have shown us, also to the Carolina & North Western Railway Company for reducing passenger rates on account of the Association, and may God of all Grace bless, love and prepare them for that Association above which shall never end.

After prayer led by W. R. Gwaltney the Association adjourned to meet with Olivet church, Catawba County. Thursday before the last Sunday in October, 1907.

W. A. GRAHAM, Moderator,
R. S. LEWIS, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At the morning hour W. R. Gwaltney preached at the Baptist church. W H. Reddish preached at the Presbyterian church and S. F. Conrad at the Methodist church. At the evening hour S. F. Conrad preached at the Baptist church; W. R. Gwaltney preached at the Presbyterian church and W. H. Reddish at the Methodist church. Collection was taken at the Baptist church for the Orphanage, amounting to $13.75.

MEETING OF THE LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the South Fork Association met at the Presbyterian church, Lincolnton, N. C., on the afternoon of October 26, 1906, at 3:30 o'clock. In the absence of the president, Mrs. W. R. Gwaltney, of Hickory, the vice president, Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Gastonia, presided over the meeting. The programme was as follows:

1. Song—Stand Up for Jesus.
2. Prayer—Mrs. Davis.
3. Scripture Reading—Matthew, 28 chapter., Miss Finch.
4. Address—Mrs. H. B. Moore.
5. Reading—"A Dream of Being Too Late," Mrs. L. L. Jenkins.
6. Prayer—Mrs. Reddish.
7. Report from societies.

First Baptist church, Gastonia	$ 200.05
Newton	5.00
Newton Sunbeams	2.95
Lincolnton Sunbeams	76.72
Gastonia Sunbeams	56.00

The societies of Hickory, Maiden and Olivet were not represented.

8. Talk by Rev. Livingston Johnson.
9. Organization of Ladies' Missionary Society of Lincolnton church. Officers: President, Mrs. Julia McCutchen; vice president, Mrs. C. M. Coffey; secretary, Mrs. Thos. McLean; treasurer, Mrs. Mattie Anthony.
10. Benediction.

ELLEN W. GRAHAM. Sec. Kid's Chapel Church.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association, shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, at 2 p. m. The introductory sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.
3. The committees of this Association shall be Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Minister's Relief, Church Letters, and such special committees as may be deemed necessary.
4. The hour for business shall be—Meet at 9:30 P. M., adjourn at pleasure, unless otherwise ordered.
5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.
6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."
7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

Temperance Resolution (1881).

Resolved First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discontenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if, after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, Second, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe the rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886).

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	SUN. OF PR'CH'G	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE	POST OFFICE
Alexis	Gaston	J. D. Moose	South Side	W. R. Rhyne	Alexis	1	F. A. McAlister	Alexis	W. H. Abernethy	Alexis
Amity	Lincoln	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	W. W. Moore	Lincolnton	4	L. B. Lawing	Lincolnton	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton
Belmont	Gaston	P. H. Pernell	Charlotte	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	2 and 4	W. C. Culp	Belmont	Miss Laura Stowe	Belmont
Beulah	Catawba	C. M. Ervin	Henry	Wm. Johnson	Henry	4	H. C. Goodson	Henry	Wm. Johnson	Heury
Bethel	Lincoln	C. A. Caldwell	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	2 and 4	C. M. Wells	Lincolnton	Miss Jessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Bruington	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	D. F. Hovis	Stanley	4	D. F. Hovis	Stanley	V. O. Morris	Stanley
Catawba	Catawba	T. B. Davis	Newton	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba	4	Jno. Danner	Catawba	Miss Pearl Aderholt	Catawba
Cedar Grove	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	C. M. Starr	Newton				Miss Lizzie Whiteuer	Newton
Corinth	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	G. W. Hood	Hickory	2	P. G. Hevner	Jugtown	R. Abernethy	Plateau
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. R. Lewis	Dallas	2 and 4	R. S. Lewis	Dallas	C. R. Orrender	Dallas
Faith	Lincoln	J. M. Ballard	Machpelah	A. N. Jones	Alexis	4	A. N. Jones	Alexis	A. N. Jones	Alexis
East Gastonia	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	C. B. Newton	Gastonia	1 and 3	E. A. Hurley	Gastonia	C. B. Newton	Gastonia
1st Gastonia	Gaston	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia	Ev Sun	J. S. Wray	Gastonia	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	C. E. Beaver	Waugh	Chas. Thomas	Mt. Island	1	T. H. Roberts	Mt. Island	Bettie Lowe	Mt. Island
Hickory	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev Sun	A. L. Boatright	Hickory	Mrs. W. F. Jones	Hickory
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	J. F. Abernethy	Lowell	4	G. P. Abernethy	McAdenville	G. P. Abernethy	McAdenville
High Shoals	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastouia	E. L. Carpenter	High Shoals	2	E. L. Carpenter	High Shoals	S. S. Webb	High Shoals
Kids Chapel	Lincoln	P. H. Pernell	Charlotte	W. A. Graham	Machpelah	1	W. S. Kids	Denver	Birdie Smith	Kidsville
Loray	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastouia	C. D. Barnes	Gastonia	1 and 4	J. J. Smith	Gastonia	Robt. Chaney	Gastona
Leonards Fork	Lincoln	C. A. Caldwell	Maiden	Wm. Hoover	Crouse	1			Ethel Houser	Lincolnton
Lincolnton	Lincoln	Baylus Cade	Lincolnton	Baylus Cade, Jr.	Lincolnton	Ev Sun	J. O. Alleu	Lincolnton	Miss Florence Fiuck	Lincolnton
Long Creek	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	W. L. Smith	Dallas	3	E. N. Queen	Dallas	A. R. Holland	Dallas
Long Shoals	Lincoln	J. D. Moose	South Side	H. A. Harrell	Long Shoals				Docia Abernethy	Long Shoals
Lowell	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Charlotte	W. F. Huggins	Lowell	4	S. L. Bolinger	Lowell	J. E. Hendrix	Lowell
Lucia	Gaston	C. E. Beaver	Waugh	U. B. McIntosh	Lucia	3			H. A. Gilleland	Lowesville
Macedonia	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Gastouia	J. Mullen	Lincolnton	3	W. T. Lee	Lincolnton	Bessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Maiden	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	J. H. Whisenant	Maiden	1	E. S. Whisenant	Maiden	Jennie Whisenant	Maideu
McAdenville	Gaston	B. L. Hoke	Blacksburg, S C	M. A. Harwell	McAdenville	1 and 3	M. A. Harwell	McAdenville	J. T. Stafford	McAdeuville
Mountain Grove	Catawba	J. J. Payseur	Maiden	L. Hoffman	Hickory	3	L. A. Crawford	Hickory	Mrs. J. B. Rocket	Hickory
Mt. Holly	Gaston	J. T. Newton	Blacksburg, S C	J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly	1	J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly	J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McClure	Alexis	T. H. Caldwell	Newton		M. C. Laney	Maiden	G. W. Caldwell	Newton
Mountain View	Catawba			E. Litten	Maiden		C. T. Hoke	Ironton	E. Litten	Maiden
Mt. Zion	Gastou	W. B. McClure	Alexis	W. F. McAlister	Alexis	3			F. Cloninger	Alexis
Newton	Catawba	T. B. Davis	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	1 and 3	G. W. Cochrane	Newton	Etta Curtis	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	T. B. Davis	Newton	J. T. Ervin	Catawba	2	J. T. Ervin	Catawba	J. T. Ervin	Catawba
Penelope	Burke	J. A. Rector	Morganton	C. A. Corrin	Hickory	2	F. A. Leack	Hickory	J. W. Hedron	Hickory
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Alexis	$	$	$	$	$	$ 5.00	$	$ 1.00	$	$ 2.00		$ 2.00	$	$	$	$	$ 10.00	$ .16
Amity			4.64			3.20		1.00	1.00			.50					10.34	.60
Belmont	200.	89.		12.75		10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00			19.10					360.85	.72
Beulah	25.	300.	10.	11.		2.00			1.00			1.00				.15	350.15	.23
Bethel			14.11	3.50		10.00											27.61	.37
Bruington		33.	21.	14.50		6.87		1.00	10.00			9.00			1.00	2.36	98.73	.95
Catawba	100.	38.15		3.			10.00	4.07	8.86			5.70		1.75	1.00	33.42	205.95	1.54
Cedar Grove	40.		2.			1.16	2.00	2.00	2.00			1.00			.38		50.54	.60
Corinth						3.	3.00	3.00	2.50			2.50			1.00		15.00	.15
Dallas	600.	230.	55.	50.		50.	10.00	10.00	5.00			16.50					1026.50	1.07
East Gastonia	400.		293.46	35.24		7.15	10.00		42.76			24.17					812.78	.57
Faith				3.50		2.00	2.35									3.00	10.85	1.35
1st Gastonia	1160.00	103.49	638.14	125.34		215.34	50.00	105.11	620.75	12.00		313.37	115.25	34.65	14.39	4.00	3511.83	5.07
Hebron	120.00		27.	22.35	25.	4.						2.00					200.35	.55
Hickory	1050.	380.72	294.59	264.13	38.60	71.35	96.38	148.72	323.27			178.58	97.70	25.50	14.51	60.80	3044.85	3.60
Hickory Grove	100.	478.72		8.60	5.50	10.	3.00	1.00	12.45			2.50			1.00	4.50	627.27	.40
High Shoals	45.	123.	10.	24.		3.50										.60	206.10	.08
Kids Chapel	100.		1.10			18.65	2.32	1.49	6.78			25.80		1.51	1.75		159.40	.53
Loray	50.	51.25	4.	16.50		10.	5.00		1.00						1.00	2.00	140.75	.70
Leonards Fork	65.	90.	10.			5.		3.00	3.00			2.60					178.60	.22
Lincolnton	471.66	183.40	59.95	31.47	2.30	28.75	8.00	10.05	20.95			30.32				95.40	942.25	1.17
Long Creek						10.	5.00					10.44					25.44	.02
Long Shoals								5.00	8.50								13.50	.43
Lowell									25.00							25.60	190.50	1.92
Lucia	15.60					3.50											19.10	.17
Macedonia	100.	56.	3.			2.65	2.15	2.15				2.15				3.00	171.10	.10
Maiden	200.		16.30	35.23	6.	13.70	8.70	9.10	14.34	1.25		7.00		1.00			312.62	.40
McAdenville	250.	75.	39.	21.25		6.	10.00		5.00			5.00		2.00	3.00	20.00	436.25	.35
Mountain Grove	100.					10.	2.00	1.00	2.20			2.05		1.00			118.25	.18
Mt. Holly																	119.78	
Mt. Ruhania		98.92	8.54	5.86			2.00	2.46	2.00								101.00	
Mountain View	45.	50.		6.													64.75	.15
Mt. Zion			30.30			5.25	5.00	4.25	16.50			3.45					604.68	2.50
Newton	160.	46.42	48.65	29.14		23.01		11.04	19.98	1.49		61.44		2.26	1.25	200.00	517.11	1.00
Olivet	200.	75.	4.	50.		26.25		13.35	10.96	2.01		31.04	5.00	1.80	1.00	96.70	288.97	.32
Penelope	60.	210.12	4.	5.50	9.35												299.79	.37
Piney Grove	30.	235.	11.	3.66		8.00	1.00	2.60	3.10			5.43					19.30	.10
Providence		1.15	15.65			1.50						1.00					29.43	.10
Providence II	22.85		1.38				1.00	1.50	1.20			1.50				12.00	123.70	.02
Reepsville	81.	15.		12.			3.70								2.00	28.30	299.73	.58
River View	180.		12.30	23.70	5.08	10.	10.50	6.00	15.50			6.35			1.75	.30	158.05	.15
Salem	75.	66.	5.			5.	3.00	1.00	1.00							11.75	161.63	.40
Sandy Plains	100.		11.50	7.30		10.	4.00	4.00	4.00			9.08					4.60	.10
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Startown	44.10		2.	.50		4.58	1.00	2.75	3.00			3.85		1.00	.50	54.70	112.98	.53
Thessalonica	80.		1.	3.		5.52	2.33	1.16	2.65			3.32	2.00	1.00	1.00	10.00	54.30	.41
Warlick's Chapel			2.55	3.50	10.		3.00	1.00	1.00			3.25				30.00	30.25	.15
Webb's Chapel	25.				1.		1.00		2.25			1.00						
Total	$6295.21	$3029 34	$1662.01	$832.52	$102.83	$612.93	$ 277.43	$ 370.80	$ 1211.25	$18.75		$793.99	$219.95	$ 73.47	$ 72.13	$863.48	$16436.09	

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1906.

CHURCHES	Constituted	ADDITIONS				DIMUNIT'NS				MEMBERSHIP			SUN. SCHOOL			C'H. PROP'Y.	
		Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers & Teachers	Pupils	Total	Seating Capacity	Value
Alexis	1903		2		2		2		2	25	38	63	8	50	58	600	$1,200
Amity	1905	4	3		7					7	11	18	3	67	70		
Belmont	1874	3			3	3			3	35	47	82	7	30	37	300	100
Beulah	1905		1		1					7	11	18	9	101	110	200	300
Bethel	1895	5	4		9					27	47	74	6	36	42	300	500
Bruington	1853	3			3	1		5	6	30	39	69	7	40	47	350	600
Catawba	1875	6	3		9	5	2	1	8	21	23	44	7	60	67	300	2,000
Cedar Grove	1902		2		2					6	12	18				300	400
Corinth		13		1	14	4			4	39	59	98	7	50	57	300	500
Dallas	1879	5	17		22	12		2	14	41	44	85	5	45	50	400	1,200
East Gastonia	1901	59	26		85	10			10	82	146	228	13		13	700	3,000
Faith	1906	2			2					10	8	18	3	41	44		
1st Gastonia	1884	10	46	1	57	49	3	5	57	103	169	272	12	210	232	800	10,000
Hebron	1883	5	2	3	10	12	23		35	28	28	56	8	80	88	450	800
Hickory	1870	16	27	1	44	23	2	6	31	107	180	287	15	180	195	700	14,650
Hickory Grove	1883	10		1	11			4	4	69	89	158	9	70	79	400	2,000
High Shoals	1902	8	5		13		1		1	15	37	52	6	50	56	500	1,300
Kids Chapel	1872		1	4	5	19		1	20	44	66	110	5	47	52	300	800
Loray	1905	5	29		34	4			4	25	30	55	6	101	107		
Leonards Fork	1882	4	1	3	8	3	11	1	15	21	40	61				300	800
Lincolnton	1859	7	16	1	24	15			15	46	87	133	9	66	75	300	3,000
Long Creek	1772			1	1	1		1	2	60	90	150				400	1,000
Long Shoals	1901	6	2		8	5			5	11	20	31					
Lowell	1892	1	12		13	6	7	1	14	45	79	124	10	110	120	300	1,000
Lucia	1903	1			1					12	9	21					
Macedonia	1869	10	1		11	6	1	2	9	55	69	124	4	57	71	500	450
Maiden	1891	3			3	7	1	2	10	77	107	184	12	150	162	300	700
McAdenville	1887	7	6	2	15	12	2		14	46	100	146	13	150	163	400	1,075
Mountain Grove	1881	2	2		4	3			3	38	62	100	4	50	54	300	400
Mt. Holly	1890		2		2	3		2	5	25	62	87		60	60	300	600
Mt. Ruhama	1816	26			26	4		3	7	100	161	261	13	87	100	400	500
Mountain View	1853	2	4	1	7					24	49	73	8	65	73	350	800
Mt. Zion	1869	4	15	1	20	2	2	6	10	76	145	221				300	500
Newton	1882	7	38		45	5		1	6	42	84	126	10	120	130	300	3,500
Olivet	1833	10	4		14	9	9		18	69	131	200	10	163	173	300	1,200
Penelope	1888	1	4		5	4			4	10	19	29	5	40	45	400	500
Piney Grove	1904	3	2		5	4			4	21	27	48	8	60	68		
Providence	1852	2		1	3		3	1	4	8	17	25				200	200
Providence II	1878			1	1	5		3	8	21	26	47	3	40	43	200	500
Reepsville	1899	9			9	1		1	2	25	50	75	8	50	58	300	400
River View	1897	24	19		43	6		2	8	54	91	145	12	115	127	400	800
Salem	1847							1	1	36	50	86	7	50	57	400	600
Sandy Plains	1863	3	1		4		1	1	2	50	58	108	6	30	36	400	600
Sharon	1884					1	1		2	17	21	38				300	200
Startown	1896	4		1	5	2	1		3	4	13	17				300	400
Thessalonica	1830	3			3	1	2		3	17	37	34	5	40	45	300	300
Warlick's Chapel	1815			1	1			1	1	36	80	116	5	50	55	500	1,000
Webb's Chapel	1892	2			2		6		6	15	26	41				200	200
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First—Belmont, Dallas, Gastonia, East Gastonia, Loray, McAdenville, Lowell, Mt. Holly, Hebron, Hickory Grove, Bruington, Long Creek, Sandy Plains, High Shoals.

Second—Lincolnton, Sharon, Salem, Mt. Zion, Kids Chapel, Mt. View, Macedonia, Mt. Ruhama, Webb's Chapel, River View, Long Shoals, Bethel, Leonards Fork, Alexis, Lucia, Faith, Lawing's Chapel.

Third—Hickory, Corinth, Newton, Maiden, Cedar Grove, Piney Grove, Catawba, Olivet, Providence I, Providence II, Thessalonica, Reepsville, Mountain Grove, Penelope, Startown, Warlick's Chapel, Amith, Beulah, West Hickory, Brookford.

The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

The South Fork Association met in its 29th Annual Session with Olivet Baptist Church, Catawba County, N. C., at 2 o'clock p. m., October 24th, 1907. After reading of the Scripture by W. A. Graham and prayer led by R. D. Carroll the Moderator called the Association to order.

The roll of Churches was called and Delegates enrolled as follows:

Alexis—J. A. White, E. V. Senter.
Amity—J. P. Varner.
Belmont—J. F. Stafford, A. A. Armstrong.
Beulah—Letter.
Bethel—W. C. Mullen.
Brookford—Geo. Dana, Parks Burch.
Bruington—Not represented.
Cedar Grove—R. D. Carroll.
Corinth—R. P. Heafner, Chas. Hoffman, G. W. Whitworth.
Catawba—J. S. Bridges, E. A. Ervin, D. L. Wike.
Dallas—J. R. Lewis, S. L. Stroup.
East Gastonia—J. V. Fisher, E. A. Hurley, L. E. Kirby.
Faith—B. E. Ballard, J. M. Ballard.
Gastonia, 1st Church—H. B. Moore, J. C. Moore, J. W. Stewart, W. H. Reddish.
Hebron—J. E. Mullen, John Pressley.
Hickory 1st Church—W. T. Sledge, W. R. Gwaltney.
Hickory Grove—G. P. Abernethy, W. M. W. Skidmore.
High Shoals—Ezra Cronister, Alfred Shrum.
Kids Chapel—W. A. Graham, W. S. Kids, W. A. Whitener.
Leonard's Fork—T. J. Hoover, D. S. Hoover.
Lincolnton—J. O. Allen, Baylus Cade.
Long Creek—Robt. Littlejohn, M. T. Holland.
Lowell—W. F. Huggins.
Lucia—U. B. McIntosh, H. A. Gilleland.
Loray—W. H. Nolen, L. J. Waldrop, E. C. Fisher, J. A. Hoyle.
Lawing's Chapel—J. A. Howell, James Shaw.
Macedonia—D. A. Chatman, J. B. Ewing.

Maiden—E. S. Whisenant, O. L. Stringfield, C. A. Caldwell, J. R. Underwood.

McAdenville—I. A. Stafford, J. L. Webb. M. G. Jenkins, A. P. Baumgardner.

Mountain Grove—Calvin Baker.

Mount Holly—Letter.

Mount Ruhama—M. C. Laney, P. H. Cline, G. W. Caldwell, W. M. Caldwell.

Mountain View—E. Litten.

Mouut Zion—R. M. Lowe, W. B. McClure.

Newton—R. D. Carroll.

Olivet—P. C. Kale, J. T. Ervin, J. H. Fry, Osborne Brown, M. T. Bynum.

Piney Grove—A. N. Bridges, W. H. Drum.

Providence I—Not represented.

Providence II—Avery Fry, D. C. Johnson.

Penelope—I. M. Hilderbrand.

Reepsville—H. D. Canipe, W. C. Haynes.

River View—F. M. Poteat, J. D. Moose.

Sandy Plains—D. B. Harwell, G. E. Moore.

Salem—W. H. Caldwell, S. A. Caldwell, B. F. Rodgers.

Startown—J. Y. Killian.

Sharon—Not represented.

Thessalonica—W. P. Rhoney, D. Ramseur.

Warlick's Chapel—R. M. Perry, A. J. Cook.

Webb's Chapel, F. B. Carpenter, W. R. Huffstetler.

West Hickory—C. M. Robinson, J. M. Maynard.

The Association then organized by re-electing W. A. Graham, Moderator; R. S. Lewis, Clerk; and W. C. Mullen, Treasurer.

W. A. Graham, W. C. Mullen, J. R. Underwood, were re-elected members of. the Executive Board to serve two years.

At this hour the Introductory Sermon was preached by W. R. Gwaltney, after which O. L. Stringfield led in prayer.

Three new Churches, Lawing's Chapel, Brookford and West Hickory, were received into the Association.

The following visitors were recognized: E. A. Poe, from Catawba River Association; G. P. Harrell, Thomas-

ville, N. C.; V. M. Swain, from South Yadkin Association and D. P. Bridges from Johnson County Association.

W. H. Reddish was re-elected member of the State Mission Board.

R. D. Carroll was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion the following report on Sunday School Convention was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO ORGANIZE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Committee appointed to organize a Sunday School Convention in the bounds of the Association appointed a meeting on July 23rd at Maiden for this purpose. Not one-fourth of the churches sent representatives. The committee was organized with W. H. Reddish, President; Preston Stringfield, Secretary; W. A. Graham, Treasurer. The Convention is to meet with First Church, Gastonia, the last Tuesday in July. W. A. GRAHAM, Chairman.

The Association adjourned with prayer led by W. H. Reddish.

Friday October 25th 9:30 a. m.

Devotional service was led by J. D. Moose.

Rev. J. S. Farmer, representing the Biblical Recorder and Rev. H. C. Moore of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention were recognized.

The Treasurer read the following report which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance on hand	$ 201.21
To collection by Missionaries	53.89
To amount from Finance Committee	663.57
To collections since Association	210.46
Total	$1129.13
By amount paid out	$1124.15
To balance on hand	$4.98

$160.13 has been paid on Associational Mission work for this year.

Respecifully submitted,

W. C. MULLEN, Treas.

The following report on State Missions was read by W. R. Gwaltney and after discussions by W. R. Gwaltney, W. A. Graham and Hight C. Moore was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We see the work of State Missions in every portion of North Carolina. But a few years ago there was no Baptist church, no Baptist preaching, and not more than one or two Baptist in Salisbury, Concord, Statesville, Winston, Wilkesboro, Mocksville, Lexington, Mt. Airy, Greensboro, High Point, Morganton, Lenoir, Hickory, Newton, Lincolnton and Gastonia, and in all the territory now occupied by the Association Baptists were very few. In nearly every town in the State our cause has been planted or aided by the State Mission Board and from most of the towns as centers the missionaries have preached the Gospel and built up churches in the surrounding country. At all strategic points in North Carolina our missionaries have been preaching the Gospel and planting churches until now we have in the State more than eighteen hundred white Missionary Baptist Churches. These churches are sending men and women to the home and foreign fields, and are giving money for the support of all our denominational work. Our churches nearly all of which have been aided either directly or indirectly by the Board have made Wake Forest College what it is, and have given us our University for Women, the Chowan Female Institute, all our Baptist Academies and High Schools and our Orphanage at Thomasville.

State Missions is the basis of supplies, and is the recruiting ground from which go the mighty army and its means of support to make conquests in this, and in all lands. We are called upon to preach the Gospel everywhere from one end of our land to the other and to every creature in all the world, no difference who of other beliefs, or of all faiths may have gone before us. We teach important truths that no other people teach. We preach a sounder Gospel than is preached by other denominations of Christians. We preach that every one is responsible to God for his own individual conduct and that every one must be justified on his own personal faith, and that every one has the right of direct access unto God without the intervention of a priest. And we preach that believers, and only believers. are to be baptized; that to be baptized is a command of God, and that it cannot be obeyed by proxy, that every one must repent, believe and be baptized for himself. And we preach that the New Testament churches are composed of believers only, or those who have made credible profession of faith. We teach that the churches of Christ are made up of a regenerate people, hence we feel called to go and preach the Gospel everywhere. Let all our churches and pastors awake to a clear conception of our high calling, and our fearful responsible mission.

Respectfully,
W. R. GWALTNEY.

The following report on Orphanage was read by W. B. McClure and after remarks by Rev. G. P. Harrell, W. A. Graham, Baylus Cade and W. E. Wilkins was adopted:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We believe our Orphanage at Thomasville is an Institution of which we should be proud for more than one reason. First because it puts all the Baptist of our State Convention in a position to say like their blessed Master, "let the children come that they may be blessed," so we His people should help the children as much as lies in our power in caring for them.

Second, their helplesness should appeal to us with that degree of force that we could not be satisfied with the present size of our Orpnanage, but continue to enlarge and keep pace with the ever increasing population of our great denomination.

Third, because of its influence and power in the future for good, by training the boy and girl to be useful men and women that otherwise might be lost.

Fourth, our Saviour said "as you would that others do to you do ye even so to them," we should never forget that if our own children were left orphans that we would like for them to be taken care of. So it should give us profound joy to obey the divine injunction of our Saviour, knowing if we obey, we will receive our reward, for He is going to say I was a hunger and you fed me, naked and you clothed me, a stranger and you took me in, come ye blessed of my Father, Matt. 25:34. These words should inspire us to a greater activity in these duties.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. McCLURE.

Following taking a contribution of $28.75 for the Orphanage the Association adjourned.

Friday 1:30 p. m.

After prayer led by C. M. Ervin addresses on Sunday Schools were made by Hight C. Moore and W. R. Gwaltney.

The report on Place and Preacher was adopted as follows:

PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your Committee on Place and Preacher for the next session of the Association recommend Gastonia First Church as the place and R. D. Carroll to preach the Introductory Sermon. Alternate, W. E. Wilkins.

W. P. RHONEY.
B. E. BALLARD.
J. C. MOORE.

The following report of Home Missions was read by W. H. Reddish and after discussions by W. H. Reddish, S. F. Conrad, Baylus Cade and J. M. Ballard was adopted:

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. Dr. B. D. Gray is its Corresponding Secretary. The field of this Board embraces Cuba and the Isle of Pines, Panama, all the territory in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, where the Gospel is not held and preached as Baptists hold it and preach it.

I. *Cuba and Isle of Pines.*—Our work in Cuba, notwithstanding the harmful effects of political disturbances, is in a more hopeful condition than ever before. Political agitation on the Isle of Pines has hindered our work at this point also, but since the United States has decided that this Island belongs to Cuba, we may hope for our work, which is now very prosperous, to grow more rapidly.

II. *Panama*—This little narrow strip of land is more, and more engaging the attention of the world. Our six missionaries on this field have already accomplished wonderful things, and their consecration and zeal, under the direction of the Spirit of God, promises even larger results.

III. *Work among the Negroes.*—Ever since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, the Home Mission Board has been doing a very fruitful work among the negroes of the South, but the co-operative plan; adopted by the S. B. Convention at Nashville, in 1904, is giving us larger and more satisfactory results. The Gospel will solve the problems that we now have with the negro, and upon it let us depend.

IV. *East of the Mississippi River.*—This part of the Board's work embraces all the mission work done by the Home Board east of the Mississippi River. Besides supporting the Gospel on many destitute fields in the older States, this Board has accomplished a wonderful work through our Mountain Schools. Some of the schools in the mountains of our own State have been lifted to their feet by the strong hand of the Home Board, and are being sustained to-day by its fostering care.

V. *West of the Mississippi River.*—Most of what is know as our "Frontier Work," lies in this section of our country. Here is found our work among the Indians that has borne the sign of God's blessings from its beginning. Into this rich country are pouring great streams of foreigners, and home seekers from the older States of our country, and this condition affords a great field for the Home Board to continue its fruitful operations.

VI. *Cities and Foreigners.*—The Board has no greater problem than that afforded by many of our Southern cities into which an ever increasing stream of ignorant and vicious foreigners have been pouring for years. The scarcity of labor in the South makes our fair land the more inviting to the foreigner, and makes us feel that is more necessary to have him come to us. The work among the foreign population of our cities has been attended by the blessings of God, and is promising to be even more fruitful.

VII. *Evangelism.*—This work is but of little over one year old, but the great success that has attended the labors of the General Evangelist, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, and his corps of helpers vindicate the wisdom of the Convention in undertaking to do this work through the Home Board.

W. H. REDDISH.

On motion the Constitution of the Sunday School Convention was ordered printed in the Minutes of the Association.

After prayer led by Baylus Cade the Association adjourned.

Saturday 9:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises was conducted by R. D. Carroll.

Report of Executive Committee as submitted by W. A. Graham was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Expended during the year;

J. T. Edmundson, evangelist	$ 30.00
Piney Grove	40.00
High Shoals	40.00
Brookford and West Hickory	150.00
Newton, Startown and Cedar Grove	325.00
Lincolnton	75.00
Haus School House	25.00
Faith	20.00
Total	$705.00

State Board aided:

Catawba Springs	$140.00
Loray (Gastonia)	200.00
Total	$340.00

Association paid to State Missions $354.66.

Baptized at Mission points:

Lucia	14
Haus School House	3
Newton	12
Startown	6
Brookford and West Hickory	13
High Shoals	8
Loray	9
Total	65

W. A. GRAHAM,
H. B. MOORE,
E. S. WHISENANT,
W. C. MULLEN,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
} Committee.

J. A. Hoyle, C. M. Robinson, R. D. Carroll, Baylus Cade, J. M. Ballard and W. R. Gwaltney made brief reports of their respective work under appropriations made by the Executive Committee, after which pledges for Associational Missions were made as follows:

Alexis	$ 5.00	Long Creek	$ 15.00
Amity	6.00	Lawing's Chapel	5.00
Belmont	10.00	Lucia	10.00
Brookford	5.00	Macedonia	12.00
Beulah	3.00	Maiden	35.00
Bethel	15.00	McAdensville	25.00
Catawba	10.00	Mtn. Grove	12.50
Cedar Grove	5.00	Mt. Ruhama	10.00
Corinth	8.00	Mtn. View	5.00
Dallas	50.00	Mt. Zion	15.00
East Gastonia	25.00	Newton	30.00
Gastonia 1st	200.00	Olivet	50.00
Faith	6.00	Penelope	5.00
Hebron	10.00	Piney Grove	8.00
Hickory	100.00	Reepsville	6.00
West Hickory	7.50	Providence II	6.00
Hickory Grove	15.00	Salem	12.00
High Shoals	5.00	Sandy Plains	12.50
Kids Chapel	25.00	Startown	10.00
Loray	15.00	Thessalonica	8.00
Leonard's Fork	12.00	Warlick's Chapel	10.00
Webb's Chapel	5.00		
Total			$845.00

Osborne Brown Secretary of the Board of Trustees submitted his Annual Report and a statement showing receipts and disbursements for the past year, also the present financial condition of the school, all being adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF SECRETARY ON THE SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

In reviewing the work of the South Fork Institute for the past year we can say that the progress of the School has been gratifying. The School during its fall term of 1906 had a trying experience, but the obstacles that were in the way disappeared when O. L. Stringfield took charge of the work Jan. 1st, 1907, and since that time the South Fork Institute under the capable management of brother Stringfield and his corps of excellent teachers has made substantial and rapid progress. Bro. Stringfield by his wisdom and prudence has brought us in sight of victory. There are now enrolled 90 students with more to come, 28 of which are boarding students. The South Fork Institute has some warm friends who have shown their devotion to the work by liberal contributions. The South Fork Institute if loyally supported will do more to advance the Master's cause, and will do more for us as a denomination than any other agency (outside of our organized churches) in the bounds of the South Fork Association. The faculty consisting of O. L. Stringfield and his corps of teachers has no superior in high school work in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

OSBORNE BROWN, Sec.

REPORT OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 25, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand	$ 6.00
Sundry cash received	213.17
Cash for Girls Dormitory	675.09
" from J. D. Elliott	1250.00
" " Mrs. Ramseur	500.00
" " L. L. Jenkins	200.00
" " Mrs. J. D. Moore	825.00
Total	$3669.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs on Kitchen	$ 12.50
Paid O. L. Stringfield	155.00
" W. L. Sanders, interest	27.63

" A. B. Hoffman	1.10
" Alfred Sigmon	4.50
" D. M. Sigmon	.50
" Furnishing Girls Dormitory	675.09
" J. D. Elliott, on Note	1250.00
" On Girls Dormitory (Mrs. R.)	500.00
" On Girls Dormitory (Mrs. M.)	500.00
" Dining Room	200.00
" For Piano	325.00
" For Freight	17.94
Total	$3669.26

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

RESOURCES.

Main Building	$ 3,000.00
Boys Dormitory	2,415.00
Girls Dormitory and Cottage	5,675.00
Vacant lot	200.00
Contingent Fund	200.00
Total	$11,490.00

LIABILITIES.

Due J. B. Bridghs, note	$ 600.00
Due J. S. Bridges, note	600.00
Due W. L. Sanders, note	450.00
Due First National Bank, Hickory	200.00
Due First National Bank, Gastonia	3,239.80
Present worth	6,400.20
Total	$11,490.00

OSBORNE BROWN, Sec.

The following report of O. L. Stringfield, General Manager, was read and adopted.

Since the last session of this Association I commenced the management of the South Fork Institute. From the beginning it has been a very pleasant task. The success of the school during the spring session was surprising and satisfactory. The employment of consecrated teachers was highly satisfactory to the patrons. The low charges for board and tuition, and the good salaries paid the competent teachers we employed, caused a deficit in the expense account. With the present patronage, and with the additional patronage we confidently expect soon to have, we hope to finish this year without debt.

The majority of the students we have in school encourage us to hope for great things from them in future. Quite a number of the pupils have recently professed religion and joined the Baptist Church. It is eminently desirable that our church should have a pastor for all of his time.

It is worthy of mention that about sixty of our pupils live at Maiden.

If this Association will rally to the support of this school with as much enthusiasm as other Associations rally to the support of their schools, we will have the greatest school in the land.

O. L. STRINGFIELD,
General Manager.

The Association was addressed by Osborne Brown, W. H. Reddish, and W. E. Wilkins.

On motion the Trustees were instructed to apportion the debt of South Fork Institute among the churches and offer any plans they desire for raising the funds.

On motion the eighth section of the Constitution was amended to read 10 a. m. instead of 2 p. m.

The session then adjourned.

Saturday 2 p. m.

The following report on Old Minister's Relief was read and adopted:

When the world had gone astray serving Gods of their own and was without hope, God in His wisdom saw fit to send His son into the world to save all that would believe; many answered the call, and have gone forth preaching the good news of the Christ. Some have gone to reap their reward, while many others are still laboring on for the Master, who's heads are blossoming for the grave. We ask that the Association see that those who have spent their lives in the Master's work be cared for, and that we make the last days of their lives their happiest upon earth. Let each one take this to heart, remembering that he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. CALDWELL.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted:

Your Finance Committee asks leave to report the amounts paid in to us for the various objects as follows:

Associational Missions	$431.55
Minute Fund	44.47
State Missions	83.98
Home Missions	75.47
Foreign Missions	116.57
Orphanage	66.89
Ministers Relief	31.75
Poor	2.00
Associational Schools	6.13
Ministerial Education	5.00
Sunday School Missions	11.86
Miscellaneous Purposes	.40
Colportage	1.50
Total	$877.57

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. HURLEY.
CALVIN BAKER.
L. E. KERBY.

Chairmen of Committee for reports at next Session were appointed as follows:

State Missions—L. L. Jenkins.
Foreign Missions—R. D. Carroll.
Home Missions—W. E. Wilkins.
Education—J. L. Vipperman.
Old Ministers Relief—J. D. Moose.
South Fork Institute—O. L. Stringfield.

A. C. Robinson, C. A. Caldwell and B. F. Ballard were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

The following report on Foreign Missions, read by Baylus Cade, was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, all authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them unto the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things what-

soever I have commanded you, and lo! I am with you all the days, even unto the end of age."

This Scripture is the marching orders of the Kingdom; and it contains the work to be done, the order of its doing, and the very highest assurance of success.

The work to be done is the making of disciples, the baptizing of disciples, the teaching of disciples; and the assurance of success is, the presence of the Lord even unto the end of the age.

To make disciples of the nations, only the presentation of esus is requisite. The baptizing of the nations follows upon the apprehension of Jesus by them. The teaching of the nations means the impartation of the teaching of Jesus, as to the real end of human life, the formation of character: As to the rights of men in this present life and by consequence, the rights of men in the coming life.

It must never be forgotten by those who would approve themselves to be loyal to Jesus, that all this must be done by personal ministries, which present Jesus as the transforming power in every human life, and illustrate the essential of His character, in the active living of the present time. It is Jesus, the Fact!—Jesus, the Person!—that must be presented to the pagan world. It is not Jesus the thorny!—it is not Jesus the teacher!—that must be so presented. It is Jesus, the life, that is needed in the pagan world; that is needed here in Christendom to-day not less than He is needed in the pagan world.

We have the power to carry out, to the better, this commandment of our Lord's within this generation; and if it shall not be done, it will be only because we do not want it to be done—are not willing to take personal part in the doing of it.

It is as certain as anything can be certain, that the saving of the pagan world can never be done with money; can never be done with culture. Money does not convey life; culture does not convey life; life is original, fundamental, first. Money follows life, and is a mere incedent of it. Culture is the creation of life, and so, can, by no means, precede it. Life is the demand of the hour in the pagan world, even as it is the demand of the hour here in the Christian world; and Jesus, the desire of all the nations, is the Life and the light of the whole world.

We have the Life; we have the power to impart the life. We shall earn the approval of our Lord, by going about the saving of the world in the presentation of Jesus to the world in our own personal embodiments of Him in the whole round of our human activities here.

Respectfully submitted,

BAYLUS CADE.

The following report on Education, read by R. D. Carroll, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The demand for educated men and women has never been greater than it now is. There were never so many people wanting to go to school, there was never such an opportunity and advantages as we now have. The South Fork Institute offers splendid opportunities to our boys and girls, and to-day there ought to be three hundred students at Maiden from our Association. We urge all our people to rally to the support of the institute and urge every boy and girl who can possibly do so to attend this school and take the full course of instructions there furnished. The South Fork Association needs the South Fork Institute and needs it greatly. We earnestly urge that all legitimate means be at once taken for paying the present indebtedness and that the institution be put on its feet, and cleared of all incumbrances so that it may come before our people with open doors and able to give to them its best service. We urge our young preachers to take College and Seminary courses. We most heartily commend to them Wake Forest College. Oh ! that all of our preachers could take the full course of instructions offered at Wake Forest College. Then for our girls there is not a better place in the world than our University for Women at Raleigh. We further recommend most urgently that our people patronize our Baptist Schools. Let all Baptist young people attend B aptist Schools.

Respectfully,

R. D. CARROLL.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved that this Association does hereby express its hearty sympathy for the work of the anti-saloon league in its efforts to drive the liquor traffic from our State and that we pledge to its Chairman our co-operation and support in this work.

The Association then adjourned to meet with First Church, Gastonia, N. C., Thursday before the last Sunday in October, 1908.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association was called to order by Mrs. H. B. Moore, After a song we were led in prayer by Mrs. Moore, who then sang for us "The Child of a King."

Mrs. M. E. Bridges led us in prayer. Next we enjoyed a most inspiring address by Rev. H. C. Moore, after which we were strengthened by joining with him in prayer.

The letters from the Societies were then read. Miss Edna Ervin then welcomed the delegates, and Mrs. Padget responded in behalf of the visitors.

After reading a selection from the Gospel by Mark, our President made a helpful address. Mrs. John Moore then read an admirable paper written by Mrs. Reddish.

An address followed by Miss Belle Tyner, and was much enjoyed. Short talks followed by several ladies, after which we heard a paper on Young Women's Work, written by Miss Fannie Penny, and read by Miss Mary Bridges.

Our President next presented the needs of the Orphanage Infirmary, after which we adjourned to meet next year with the First Church of Gastonia.

The total of the contributions for the past year is as follows:

Women's Societies, $429.95; Sunbeam Societies, $131.07; Young Women's Auxiliary of First Church, Gastonia, $56.10. Total, $617.12.

EMMIE G. PADGET,
Secretary Pro Tem.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association, shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the last Sabbath in October, at 10 a. m. The Introductory Sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The Committees of this Association shall be Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Minister's Relief, Church Letters, and such special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hour for business shall be—Meet at 9:30 p. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

5 The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION (1881).

Resolved, First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discontenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved. Second, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe the rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886).

CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

1. NAME—The name of this organization shall be South Fork Sunday School Association.

2. MEMBERSHIP—All pastors of Baptist Churches and Superintendents of Baptist Sunday Schools within the territory occupied by the South Fork Association shall be considered *ex officio* members of this Association. Such other persons as may be elected to represent Baptist Sunday Schools shall be members, provided no Sunday School shall be entitled to more than ten representatives in this Association.

3. PURPOSE—It shall be the purpose of this gathering to stimulate Sunday School work within the territory occupied by the Association, but it shall not engage in colportage work, general mission work, or in any other line of work engaged in by the South Fork Association.

4. OFFICERS—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers are to be elected near the close of each annual session, their duties to be those usually devolving upon such officers.

5. MEETINGS—The time of each Annual Meeting shall be the last Tuesday in July of each year, and the place of meeting shall be decided by vote or Executive Committee.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Executive Committee shall be composed of the above named officers.

7. AMENDMENT—This constitution shall be changed at any session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present at that session.

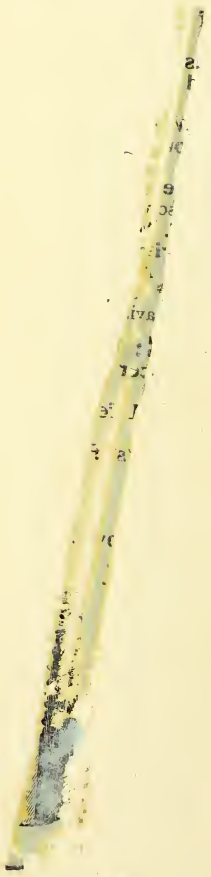
CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	SUN. OF PR'CH G	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	AUXILIARY COMMITTER	POST OFFICE
Alexis	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	T. W. Garrison	Alexis	2	F. A. McAllister	Alexis	W. H. Abernethy	Alexis
Amity	Lincoln	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton	W. W. Moore	Iron Station	4	L. B. Lawing	Iron Station	P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton
Belmont	Gaston	P. H. Pernell	Grover	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	2 and 4	J. A. Leeper	Belmont	Miss Laura Stowe	Belmont
Beulah	Catawba	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	Wm. Johnson	Henry R F D 9	2	Wm. Johnson	Henry		
Bethel	Lincoln	C. A. Caldwell	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	2	C. M. Wells	Lincolnton	Miss Jessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Brookford	Catawba						E. M. Childress	Hickory		
Bruington	Gaston								V. O. Morris	Stanley
Cedar Grove	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. A. Whitener	Newton R F D 3	2	J. A. Whitener	Newton	Lizzie Whitener	Newton
Corinth	Catawba	C. A. Caldwell	Maiden	G. W. Hood	Reepsville	4	R. P. Havener	Hickory R F D	R. A. Abernethy	Plateau
Catawba	Catawba	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba				Pearl Aderholdt	Catawba
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. R. Lewis	Dallas	2 and 4	R. S. Lewis	Dallas	C. R. Orrender	Dallas
E. Gastonia	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	C. B. Newton	Gastonia	1 and 3	S. A. Newton	Gastonia	C. B. Newton	Gastonia
Faith		J. M. Ballard	Machpelah	R. E. Ballard	Machpelah	4	J. M. Ballard	Machpelah	A. N. Jones	Alexis
Gastouia 1st	Gaston	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia	J. D. Moore	Gastonia	Ev Sun.	L. L. Jenkins	Gastonia	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	C. A. Thomas	Mtn. Island	1	T. H. Roberts	Mtn. Island	Bettie Lowe	Mtn. Island
Hickory 1st	Catawba	W. R. Gwaltney	Hickory	W. F. Jones	Hickory	Ev Sun.	W. L. Boatright	Hickory	Mrs. W. F. Jones	Hickory
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	J. F. Abernethy	Lowell	4	G. P. Abernethy	McAdenville	G. P. Abernethy	McAdenville
High Shoals	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	E. L. Carpenter	High Shoal	3	E. L. Carpenter	High Shoals	S. S. Webb	High Shoals
Kids Chapel	Lincoln			W. A. Graham	Machpelah		W. A. Whitener	Kidsville	Birdie Smith	Kidsville
Leonards Fork	Lincoln	C. A. Caldwell	Maiden	Wm. H. Hoover	Crouse	1	T. J. Hoover	Crouse	Ethel Houser	Lincolnton
Lincolnton	Lincoln	Baylus Cade	Lincolnton	Baylus Cade, Jr.	Lincolnton	Ev Sun.	J. O. Allen	Lincolnton	Florence Fink	Lincolnton
Long Creek	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	A. R. Holland	Dallas	1			A. R. Holland	Dallas
Lowell	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Charlotte	W. F. Huggins	Lowell		S. L. Bolinger	Lowell	J. E. Hendrick	Lowell
Lucia	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	W. B. McIntosh	Stanley	3			H. E. Gilead	Lowesville
Loray	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	L. J. Waldrop	Gastonia		C. L. Chander	Gastonia		
Lawings Chapel		J. M. Ballard	Machpelah	J. J. Curlee	Lincolnton	2	Frank Drum	Lincolnton	Bessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Macedonia	Lincoln	W. B. McLure	Alexis	W. W. Lawing	Lincolnton	1	L. P. Lawing	Iron Station	Jennie Whisenant	Maiden
Maiden	Lincoln	O. L. Stringfield	Maiden	R. B. Cook	Maiden	1	E. L. Whisenant	Maiden	J. T. Stafford	McAdenville
McAdenville	Gaston	A. P. Bumgardner	McAdenville	M. A. Harrell	McAdenville	1 and 3	J. P. Kimbro	McAdenville	Mrs. J. B. Rocket	Hickory
Mtn. Grove	Catawba	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	Fayette Hoffman	Hickory	3			J. D. Howe	Mt. Holly
Mt. Holly	Gaston	J. T. Newton	Blacksburg, S C	Jno. D. Howe	Mt. Holly	1	Jno. D. Howe	Mt. Holly	G. W. Caldwell	Newton
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	T. H. Caldwell	Newton		M. C. Laney	Maiden	E. Litten	Maiden
Mtn. View	Catawba	H. B. Cronister	Maiden	E. Litten	Maiden	2	W. E. Clark	Maiden	F. Cloninger	Alexis
Mt. Zion	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	W. F. McAllister	Alexis	3	M. J. Hager	Alexis	Etta Curtis	Newton
Newton	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	1 and 3	R. L. Wilson	Newton	J. T. Ervin	Catawba
Olivet	Catawba	O. L. Stringfield	Maiden	J. T. Ervin	Catawba		J. T. Ervin	Catawba		
Piney Grove	Catawba			Lee Setzer	Newton	3	A. C. Smith	Claremont	J. S. Hoffman	Hayseed
Providence H	Catawba	C. A. Caldwell	Maiden	R. L. Abernethy	Hickory	3	Marion Hoffman	Henry		
Providence	Catawba								J. W. Hedron	Hickory
Penelope	Burke	J. A. Rector				2 and 4	F. A. Lock		T. Bangle	Reepsville
Reepsville	Lincoln	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	H. D. Canipe	Reepsville	4	Sallie Heafner	Reepsville	Mattie Williams	Southside
River View	Lincoln	J. D. Moose	Southside	E. C. Huss	Southside	2 and 4	A. L. Cline	Southside	J. E. C. Ford	Lowell
Sandy Plains	Gaston	C. F. Felmet	Drayton, S. C.	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia	4	J. L. Featherstone	Lowell	Jno. Harrell	Lincolnton
Salem	Gaston	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	C. F. Clayton	Lincolnton		W. H. Caldwell	Lincolnton	Mrs. W. L. Killian	Newton
Startown	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. Y. Killian	Newton	4			L. A. Abernethy	Alexis
Sharon	Lincoln								W. P. Rhoney	Newton
Thessalonica	Catawba	C. A. Caldwell	Maiden	W. P. Rhone	Newton	4	W. P. Rhone	Newton	A. J. Cook	Hickory
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	A. J. Cook	Hickory	1	A. J. Cook	Hickory	C. D. Weaver	Long Shoals
Webb's Chapel	Gaston	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	C. D. Weaver	Reepsville					
West Hickory	Catawba	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	F. S. Miller	Hickory	2	Jev Griffin	Hickory		

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1907.

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Colportage	Orphanage	Colleges and School4	Ministerial Ed.	Old Min's'r Relief	Other Objects	TOTALS	Benevolent C'tribut'ns per Capita
Alexis	$	$	$		$	$ 5.	$	$ 1.	$ 5.	$	$ .50	$ 3.	$	$	$ 1.	$	$ 15.50	$ .24
Amity		427.		2.		6.	.50										435.50	.34
Belmont	225.	50.	5.	8.			16.	4.	5.	1.	1.	42.90	75.	2.	3.	60.	497.90	1.57
Beulah	35.			2.		.50	.50	.50	.50			1.					40.	.15
Bethel			6.50	6.		15.	2.					3.25					32.75	.22
Brookford	37.58	136 75	17.02			1.30								1.			193.65	.08
Bruington																		
Cedar Grove	29.					5.						1.50					35.50	.36
Corinth	75.	65.				6.	1.	2.	2.			1.			.50		152.50	.14
Catawba						10.		1.70	1.12						.60	18.	31.42	.33
Dallas	600.	106.50		45.		50.			118.50			9.25	12.				941.25	2.31
E. Gastonia	500.	98.10	174.75	36.93	6.60	25.	5.	5.	150.14			36.60	25.	13.			1076.12	1.04
Faith		550.	11.21	3.		3.60	3		1.			3.	5.	3.			582.81	1.09
Gastonia 1st	1351.68		92.92	37.37	57.23	200.	120.82	84.14	1358.55	17.50		306.95		40.	28.26	723.23	4478.65	7.56
Hebron	100.		12.	56.96	4.				1.50			1.					175.46	.30
Hickory 1st	1080.	25.	206.	200.	67.18	82.43	96.40	130.80	185.82			173.97	1043.86	25.	14.03	456.32	3786.83	6.68
Hickory Grove	100.	60.	23.43		14.25	12.		8.	7.55			6.50			5.		237.13	.31
High Shoals				13.		5.00		5.	9.20								32.20	.28
Kids Chapel						25.	2.25	2.	5.		16.64			2.30	2.16	27.60	82.95	.49
Leonards Fork	70.	10.	8.	1.60		10.	2.	5.	3.			2.35				1.60	111.95	.34
Lincolnton	265.34		158.19	25.70		50.	24.50	17.28	19.11			46.66	25.		2.		633.38	1.43
Long Creek	150.	250.	75.			10.	5.	2.	3.			3.					500.	.17
Lowell	124.		22.	97.11		15.	1.28	3.34	7.	1.36		36.35					307.44	.46
Lucia	19.	1200.	45.			7.90			2.								1271.90	.18
Loray	150.	4000.	155.			5.	6.	2.	.67			4.		4.	2.35	2.20	4328.55	.21
Lawings Chapel	50.			6.			.50		3.	.50	2.				1.		55.67	.18
Macedonia	5.		16:17		25.	25.	26.83	13.27	33.06	2.		11.65				1.70	17.	.05
Maiden	250.		38.60	1.60	29.20	10.	5.	5.	5.	5.		10.			1.15	90.61	404.68	.52
McAdenville	236.		10.	36.55		10.		4.20	1.02								472.11	.20
Mtn. Grove	75.	2.65		20.		3.			10.								102.87	.15
Mt. Holly	109.84		17.75	8.97		2.	2.	2.20				2.					33.	.14
Mt. Ruhama		5.	9.				6.	1.	3.			2.			1.		142.76	.03
Mtn. View	113.			2.		15.	3.	3.	7.			36.70				291.88	26.	.17
Mt. Zion	133.33	70.80	30.97	25.		20.	4.36	2.76	12.78			20.	305.	2.	1.	48.50	146.	.13
Newton	225.00		89.50			27.01	15.	15.	15.	5.		2.20					628.58	.66
Olivet	55.	128.38	20.	4.00		2.		3.	3.								768.01	2.12
Piney Grove												1.50			1.		217.58	.23
Providence	52.		1.65	5.58	1.85	5.	1.50	1.50	1.50	2.10		2.50				5.61	75.18	.26
Providence II	120.					3.	4.45	4.	4.50			1.					144.06	
Penelope	75.	24.		18.00				2.50	1.			3.60			2.	41.61	121.50	.05
Reepsville	265.		1.	26.00		12.	3.90	11.50	18.75	5.		15.22			10.25	19.	390.36	.35
River View	160.		4.	10.	5.	12.50	4.	4.	4.50	4.							252.47	4.23
Sandy Plains	75.		10.50	12.		10.	2.	1.40	2.65			3.			4.30		116.55	.18
Salem	71.41					5.	1.	1.	2.			4.07					88.78	.80
Startown														1.	1.	6.10	65.81	.17
Sharon						6.						1.71				12.	114.75	.10
Thessalonica	50.		2.	3.	10	5.	1.	1.	1.			3.	1.75				56.10	.15
Warlick's Chapel	75.				2.		1.		2.			1.10					111.04	.13
Webb's Chapel	50.																	
West Hickory	42.00	20.	24.34	21.26		3.43												
	$7199.18	$7229.58	$1287.50	$ 793.03	$223.31	$725.69	$367.79	$350.09	$2016.42	$43.46	$20.14	$803.53	$1492.61	$93.30	$81.60	$1805 96	$24532.19	$ 36.28

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1907.

CHURCHES	Constituted.	ADDITIONS				DIMUNIT'TS				MEMBERSHIP			SUN. SCHOOL			C'H. PROP'Y.	
		Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers & Teachers	Pupils	Total	Seating Capacity	Value
Alexis	1903	6	3		9	6		2	8	29	35	64	7	60	67	300	$1,200
Amity	1905	3			3	2			2	7	12	19	3	49	52	400	427
Belmont	1874	2	10		12	2			2	39	54	93	7	65	72	400	
Beulah	1905	4			4	2	1		3	7	12	19	7	80	87	250	400
Bethel	1895	12	5		17	1			1	31	59	90	6	50	56		
Brookford	1907	7	12		19	4			4	6	22	28					
Bruington	1853																
Cedar Grove	1902		2		2	2			2	5	13	18				350	1,200
Corinth	1905	12	3	3	18	6		3	9	40	45	85	7	57	64		500
Catawba	1875	3	1		4	2	1		3	20	21	41					
Dallas	1879		6		6	5			5	41	41	82	5	48	53	400	1,500
E. Gastonia	1901	10	23	1	34	10	3	3	16	89	159	248	13	175	188	700	3,000
Faith	1906							1	1	9	8	17	6	40	46	300	700
Gastonia 1st	1884	32	28	3	63	31	2	2	35	112	177	289	23	300	323	700	10,000
Hebron	1883	13	5	2	20	7	2	1	10	29	39	68	8	80	88	450	8,000
Hickory 1st	1870	5	19	1	25	50	1	1	52	97	165	262	17	150	167	700	15,000
Hickory Grove	1883	2	10	2	14	1	1	2	4	74	94	168	7	70	77	400	2,000
High Shoals	1902	5	22		27	14			14	21	47	68	7	65	72	500	1,300
Kids Chapel	1872	5				2		1	3	43	69	112	6	44	50	300	800
Leonards Fork	1882	3	2		5			1	1	22	43	65	2	17	19	300	900
Lincolnton	1859	8	13		21	11	2	1	14	45	83	128	9	65	74	300	5,500
Long Creek	1772	6	1		7	4	3		7	57	85	142				500	2,000
Lowell	1892	12	10		22	2		3	5	51	88	139	11	160	171	400	1,200
Lucia	1903	14	9		23					17	25	42				350	1,200
Loray	1905	9	39	4	52	10			10	45	55	100	12	202	214	1000	5,000
Lawings Chapel	1907		31		31					15	16	31	7	85	92		
Macedonia	1869	6		2	8	5		2	7	55	70	125	4	69	73		
Maiden	1891	20	36		56	24	1	1	26	94	120	214	16	224	240		
McAdenville	1887	48	12	7	67	14	2		16	63	134	197	13	175	188	400	1,000
Mtn. Grove	1881		1	1	2	6			6	36	60	96				300	400
Mt. Holly	1890	2	8	2	12	9			9	28	62	90	7	95	102		
Mt. Ruhama	1816	11	1	2	14	24		1	25	97	146	243	13	117	130	400	600
Mtn. View	1853	8	4	1	13	4			4	23	48	71	8	65	73	400	900
Mt. Zion	1869	5	10	1	16	7		1	8	95	140	235	7	40	47	400	600
Newton	1882	12	16		28	20		2	22	36	81	117	11	129	140	300	4,000
Olivet	1833	5	2		7	10			10	69	122	191	10	200	210	300	1,000
Piney Grove	1904					5			5	20	24	44	8	62	70		
Providence II	1878	7	4		11	2	1	2	5	26	27	53	4	40	44	200	500
Providence	1852																
Penelope	1888	1			1	3	4		7				7	38	45		
Reepsville	1899	11	1	2	14		7		7	35	56	91	8	70	78	300	845
River View	1897	14	5		19	8		1	9	67	95	162	12	72	84	400	800
Sandy Plains	1863	14	2	2	18	1	1	3	5	56	77	133	7	55	62	600	600
Salem	1847	9	8		17	7	1		8	38	59	97	6	40	46	400	600
Startown	1896	6		1	7		2		2	7	14	21				200	350
Sharon	1884																
Thessalonica	1830	7			7	6			6	19	37	56	6	42	48	300	300
Warlick's Chapel	1815	6			6	3		2	5	33	85	118	7	50	57	500	1,500
Webb's Chapel	1892	4	1		5					16	24	40					
West Hickory	1907	5	14		19					9	17	26	8	112	120	200	700
		374	379	37	790	332	35	36	403	1873	2965	4838	332	3557	3889	14600	$76522



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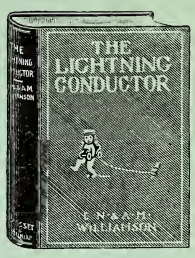

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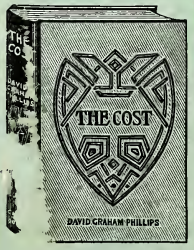

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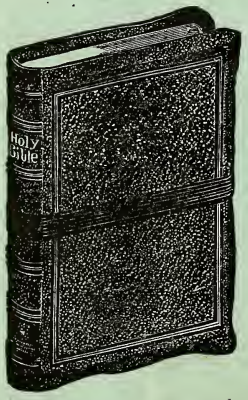

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October 21, 22, 23, and 24

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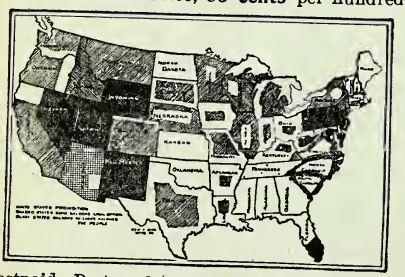

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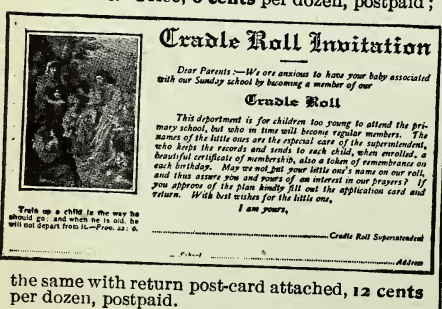
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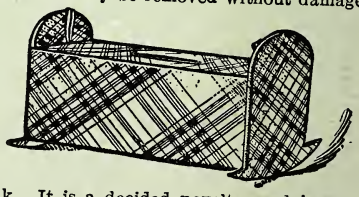

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The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS.

The South Fork Association met Wednesday evening at 7 30 o'clock, October 21st, 1908.

The Chairman, W A. Graham, being absent, W. H. Reddish was elected temporary Chairman, and J. D. Moore temporary Clerk, until a permanent organization could be effected.

The roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Amity—S. M. Ballard, C. G. Mullen.

Bethel—W. C. Mullen.

Belmont—J. P. Stowe, J. A. Leeper.

Bruington—W. S. Rumfelt.

Cedar Grove—J. A. Whitener.

Corinth—C. A. Caldwell, Donald Whisanant, J. O. Sharp.

Dallas—J. L. Vipperman, C. R. Orrender, R. S. Lewis, J. R. Lewis, S. L. Stroup.

East Gastonia—C. B. Newton, Grier Beatty.

Faith—B. E. Ballard, J. M. Ballard.

Gastonia, First Church—L. L. Jenkins, H. B. Moore, W. J. Clifford, J. R. Shuford, W. H. Reddish.

Hebron—C. T. Thomas.

Hickory, First Church—J. D. Harte, J. D. Elliott, R. R. Whitner, J. F. Click, W. T. Sledge, W. T. Boatright, R. R. Williams.

High Shoals—By Letter.

Kids Chapel—A. L. Ballard, J. M. Ballard, Maj. W. A. Graham.

Loray—W. E. Hull, J. A. Hoyle, C. L. Chandler, E. C. Fisher.

Leonard's Fork—J. M. Hoover.

Lincolnton—W. W. Ross, S. W. Bennett, T. J. Ramseur, C. L. Clark, J. F. McGinnis.

Lowell—J. W. Hansel, John A. Funderburk, E. M. Byers, W. F. Huggins.

Lawing's Chapel—J. M. Ballard.

Long Shoals—Roscoe Huffstetler.

Long Creek—C. D. Rhyne, R. R. Stowe, D. A. Jenkins.

Macedonia—E. S. Bumgarner, D. A. Chapman.

Maiden—O. L. Stringfield, E. S. Whisanant, L. S. Caldwell, J. R. Underwood.

McAdenville—W. H. Wagstaff, M. G. Jenkins, J. H. Vipperman, A. P. Bumgarner.

Mountain Grove—Calvin Baker, J. B. Rockett.

Mount Holly—J. M. Bumgarner, A. G. Lee, J. J. Mullis, J. E. Mullis.

Mount Ruhama—W. M. Caldwell, T. J. Bradshaw.

Mountain View—R. L. Gillen, J. M. Lowe.

Newton—R. D. Carroll, Cecil Setzer, J. F. Hawkins.

Olivett—J. T. Ervin, W. W. Ervin, G. W. Bridges, P. R. Blackwood.

Providence, 2nd—W. H. Huffman, Max Burns.

Piney Grove—A. N. Bridges, R. G. Barker, A. C. Summey.

Pleasant Grove—A. C. Summey.

Penelope—I. M. Hildebran.

River View—S. Williams, J. F. Canipe.

Sandy Plains—W. M. York, W. E. Beatty.

Salem—W. L. Garrison, W. B. Hooper.

Thessalonica—L. L. Ramseur. W. P. Raney.

West Hickory—E. R. Burns, Luther Berry, C. M. Robinson.

Warlick's Chapel—A. J. Cook.

The Constitution relating to the Officers was revised as follows: "Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treas., who shall be elected annually by ballot."

On motion J. L. Vipperman cast ballot of body for re-election of W. C. Mullen, Treas., W. H. Reddish was elected Vice Moderator and J. D. Moore, Clerk

The following Committee was appointed on Order of Business: J. L. Vipperman, J. D. Harte, S. W. Bennett

R. D. Carroll of Newton preached the opening sermon, his text being first Samuel, 15th Chap. 22d verse, "To obey is better than sacrifice."

The Association adjourned to meet again the following morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, OCT. 22nd '08.

Devotional exercises were conducted by S. W. Bennett. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

On motion Article 3 of the constitution was amended so as to read "The pastors of the churches in the Association shall be recognized as delegates."

The following report on Orphanage was read by S. W. Bennett.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Twenty-four years ago our Baptist fathers of North Carolina were confronted by a great vision, not such a vision as Joseph, Daniel, or John from the Isle of Patmos beheld; but it was a vision of a great number of helpless and homeless little children, who needed their love and their care.

As a result of that vision, we have a home for these dependent ones, at Thomasville, of which we are justly proud, while the number of children cared for there has increased each year yet the manager of the home has only had to make the increased needs known to the great Baptist constituency of our State, and the needs of the children were supplied.

The Watson and Aydlett buildings, with the Noah Richardson library and "Women's Building" or "Infirmary" of recent date, have added much to the equipage of our Orphanage.

There were 65 children admitted to our Orphanage during our last Conventional year, making the total number there 365. There are probably many more there now.

The orphans we have with us always, and when we will, we may do them good. Your committee therefore recommends that a regular monthly offering be made by all of our Sunday schools; and that every church subscribe liberally to "Charity and Children," that our Thanksgiving offering be made to the Orphanage, and that we pray constantly for our board of managers, and the many children in their charge.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BENNETT.

After remarks by S W. Bennett and M. L. Kesler, general manager of the Thomasville Orphanage, the report was adopted.

The collection taken for the Orphanage amounted to $22.04

On motion L L Jenkins was elected a member of the State Mission Board to represent the Association.

The Chair appointed the following committe on Digest of Letters: A W. Setzer, W. T. Sledge, W. W. Ervin, M T Sanders

The Chair appointed the following Finance Committee: J C Click, T. J Ramseur, C. R Orrender.

The Chair announced the committee on Time and Place: R. D. Carroll, J. T. Ervin, E. S. Whisanant.

E. S. Whisanant and H. B. Moore were re-elected to succeed themselves on the Executive Committee for two years.

The visitors to the Association were recognized and the right hand of christian greeting extended to the new pastors who had joined the Association since last annual meeting.

The following delegates were elected to represent the S. F. Association at the Baptist State Convention which meets at Wilson, N. C , December 8th, 1908: W. H. Reddish, A. W. Setzer, J. F. Click. J. D. Harte, of Hickory, was appointed a delegate to the next Southern Baptist Convention convening at Louisville in May, 1909.

After prayer the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by J. J. Beach of Kings Mountain, N. C.

The Chair appointed J. M. Ballard to write a report on Periodicals.

Periodicals was discussed by J. Howard, representing the Biblical Recorder, W. L. Kesler, S. W. Bennett, J. J. Beach and Bro. Hawkins.

Edwin Hurley was appointed by the Chair to write the report on Sunday Schools.

J. D. Harte was appointed to write the report on Home Missions.

J. H. Vipperman was appointed to lead the devotional exercises the following morning. Adjournment.

THURSDAY NIGHT 7:30, OCT. 22nd, '08.

The meeting was called to order by W. H Reddish, Vice Chairman. O. L Stringfield led the Association in a special prayer for the recovery of Mrs. W. A. Graham.

The following report on South Fork Institute was made by O L. Stringfield, Mgr.

SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

The most profound scholars in the land emphasize the fact that no one is educated who is ignorant of the fundamental principles of Christianity. John Ruskin, one of the world's greatest men, says: "Education does not mean knowing what we did not know before, but behaving as we did not behave before. The training of the intellect without the training of the heart would

produce infidels and skeptics, would train our young people away from God, and from the service and worship of God. For the heart to be trained without the intellect would mean for our young people to have "zeal without knowledge," which would make them unsafe to lead and unsafe to follow. But to train the intellect and heart in a distinctively Christian atmosphere is the highest culture known to mortals.

The Trustees of South Fork Institute, through its Manager, are endeavoring to offer this superior training to the young people of our Association. The character of this school as to its government and the efficiency of its teaching is perfectly satisfactory to the Manager. Indeed, no school in the land can boast of more delightful influences than are daily wielded here. Our teachers regard the making of men and women as the greatest work of earth, and realize that they are to be made of boys and girls. No higher compliment can be paid to any teachers.

It is a source of regret to us that there are many young people in this Association who ought to be with us. That they are not, is, I think, due to indifference to their need of an education, rather than to indifference to the school. It is a great pleasure to report that the people of Maiden are much pleased with the school, and give it a liberal patronage. It is to be hoped that there shall go out from this meeting such influences all over the Association as shall make our school a far greater blessing than it has ever been.

O. L. STRINGFIELD, Gen. Manager South Fork Institute.

H B Moore, Sec & Treas. of the S. F Institute, submitted his annual report, showing value of the plant, outstanding notes, and insurance on buildings.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.
OCTOBER 22, 1908.

Cost of Boys Dormitory	$ 2,500.00
Cost of Girls Dormitory	5,000.00
Cost of Main Building	4,300.00
Cost of Cottage and Lot	700.00
Total	$12,500.00
Insurance	$8,000.00
Outstanding Notes:	
First National Bank, Gastonia	$ 1,300.00
First National Bank, Gastonia	500.00

First National Bank, Hickory	200.00
W. L. Saunders	450.00
J. S. Bridges	600.00
J. M. Bridges	600.00
Total	$3,650.00

The Board of Trustees has recommended electric lights, and the building of two additional exits at Main Building.

There was a small deficit at the close of the year 1907-08, caused by the existing financial depression, but this was made up by a few of the trustees.

There are about 75 students in school at present—a large majority of them doing excellent work.

The outlook is encouraging. The progress is slow, but steadily increasing in momentum.

This school belongs to the Baptists of South Fork Association. It is **your school**, and we earnestly pray for your aid in assisting those who have made many sacrifices in helping to establish a school where our children may go, and be surrounded by many influences desirable to Baptists. The school belongs to the Association—may we not have the support of every loyal Baptist within our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. MOORE, Sec. and Treas.

On motion both of the above reports were adopted.

The Association was addressed by O L. Stringfield, after which talks were made by the following brethern, J. D Harte, W. C. Mullen, J L Vipperman, C. E. Beaver, W W Ervin, S W Bennett, J. J. Beach and W. H. Reddish, after which the following pledges were made to pay off the indebtedness af the S. F. Institute, pledges to be paid not later than Oct. 15th, 1909

Alexis	$ 10.00	Brought for'd	$460 00
Belmont	15.00	1st Church, Hickory	250.00
Bethel	10.00	High Shoals	20.00
Bruington	10.00	Hickory Grove	10.00
Brookford	5.00	Kid's Chapel	110.00
Cedar Grove	10.00	Lincolnton	50.00
Dallas	100.00	Leonard's Ford	10.00
East Gastonia	100.00	Lowell	25.00
1st Church, Gastonia.	200.00	Loray	10.00
	$460 00		$945.00

Brought for'd	$945.00
Lawing's Chapel	5.00
Maiden	5.00
McAdenville	5.00
Mtn. Grove	15.00
Mount Holly	5.00
Mt. Ruhama	20.00
Newton	50.00
Olivett	50.00
Piney Grove	10.00
Penelope	10.00
	$1,120.00

Brought for'd	$1,120.00
Providence, No. 2....	2.50
Riverview	10.00
Riverview	5.00
Reepsville	5.00
Sandy Plains	5.00
Star Town	15.00
Salem	10.00
Thesolonica	5.00
West Hickory	10.00
Total	$1,187.50

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C. R. Orrender	$ 25 00
R. G. Barker	5.00
J. M. Ballard	10.00
S. W. Bennett	10.00
Grier Beatty, Pd. ...	1.00
A. G. Bumgardner ...	5.00
J. J. Beach	5.00
W. M. Caldwell	5.00
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Mattie Moore	25.00
	$843 00

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T. J. Ramseur	25.00
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Dicey Raney	5.00
M. Rhyne	5.00
Miss M. Stringfield ..	10.00
O. L. Stringfield	50.00
Preston Stringfield ..	10.00
J. W. Stewart	10.00
A. W. Setzer	10.00
E. S. Tritt	5.00
J. L. Vipperman	25.00
J. W. Walters	7.00
J. A. Hoyle	10.00
Total	$1,160 00
Total Ch. Con.....	$1,187 50
Mis. Cash Con. ...	58.60
Amt. con. by A. B. Elliott.....	$1,243 90
Total	$3,650.00

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 23rd, 1908

After devotional exercises the meeting was called to order by W. A Graham, Permanent Chairman The Clerk read the minutes of the preceding meetings, and they were approved.

W C. Mullen, Treas., made his report, which was adopted.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT.
OCT. 25, 1908.

To balance at Association .....$	4.98
To amount from Finance Committee	877.65
To collections since last report	359.87
Total .....$	1,242.50
By amounts paid out .....$	1,031.20
To balance on hand	$211.30

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. MULLEN, Treas.

Committee on "Place and Preacher" designated Corinth Church, Catawba County, the place for holding the next Association. J. D. Harte, of Hickory, selected to preach the opening sermon; S. W. Bennett chosen alternate.

Section 8 of the Constitution in regard to time of holding first session was changed from Thursday, 10 a. m. to Tuesday, 1 p m.

J D Harte made the following report on Home Missions:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is stronger in the confidence of Southern Baptists to-day than ever before in the sixty-three years of its history. The work it has accomplished and is accomplishing well merits this confidence. Thousands of churches, houses of worship in almost every city and many country places, and tens of thousands of converts are monuments to its faithfulness and effectiveness as a denominational agent. The partial summary of the work done by the Board's independent and cooperative workers during the past year shows how signal has been this success:

Sermons and Addresses 126,239

Prayer meetings	13,794
Religious visits	227,474
Baptisms	22,402
Received by Letter	18,015
Total additions to churches	40,417
Churches constituted	337
Houses of worship built and improved	338
Sunday Schools organized	1,057
Bibles and Testaments distributed	26,837

In addition to the above there were 327 conversions in the Board's mountain schools.

It will be seen that there were more than 100 additions to the churches for each day in the year.

Figures cannot tell the story of holy Christian influence exerted by these workers, nor the power in life, experience and character of 126,239 sermons, and 227,474 religious visits.

The denomination showed its growing appreciation of this work by increasing its contributions to home missions by $27,-308.94, the total contribution being $248,138.17.

A Committee consisting of two brethren from each State was appointed at Hot Springs to name a reasonable sum to be raised for Home Missions this year and to suggest an apportionment of the amount among the States. The sum decided upon as reasonable was $325,000, which was divided in just proportion among the several States. While this apportionment is only a suggestion, yet with the history of the work before us, and especially in view of the success of last year, we feel that every effort should be made to realize every dollar of the amount. We recommend, therefore, that this Association heartily co-operate in the effort to raise this amount for the support of a work which has been so signally blessed of God and which has accomplished so much good.

We cordially mention The Home Field published by the Board as the official organ of the Board. It costs 25c. a year. Tracts on the various phases of the work are furnished to churches without charge. J. D. HARTE.

After discussion by J. D. Harte, R. D. Carroll, O. L. Stringfield and S. W. Bennett the report was adopted.

Report of J. M. Ballard on Periodicals, read by J. Howard, was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The press of to-day is a mighty factor in moulding public

opinion and in bringing things to pass,—more mighty than the sword and the modern engines of war. Of the American newspapers, the German Emperor bade his son beware, for "they are," said he, "more powerful than my army."

Every powerful agency should be used for the most in the advancement of the Kingdom of God, and our Baptist people should lay new emphasis upon this.

The growth of the Baptist cause in North Carolina has been in proportion to the progress and power of our denominational papers. As they have increased in circulation and influence, the denomination has grown in members and enlarged its work. **Information must precede interest and interest must precede activity.** The development of the various objects of the denomination demands a sympathetic interest which only comes from an intelligent grasp of these objects. To furnish this information and create this interest is the work of the denominational paper. Our Baptist fathers seeing this, founded the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the convention. The Recorder is now under the control of the Convention as never before, and our people should all support it. We cannot keep abreast with our work without it.

We also commend Charity and Children, the organ of our Orphanage. This is, we think, the best dollar paper in the world. Let every Sunday school take a club.

The Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field and the literature of our Sunday School Board should be liberally supported.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BALLARD.

The following were appointed to write reports for next session:

W. A. Graham, Associational Missions.
S. W. Bennett, State Missions.
R. D. Carroll, Home Missions.
J. D. Harte, Foreign Missions.
C. M. Staley, Education.
J. Y. Killian, South Fork Institute.
R. L. Sigman, Periodicals.
W. C. Mullen, Obituaries.

The Chairman of Committee on Digest of Letters made his report and after prolonged discussion on motion it was recommitted

Report on Missions was made by Maj W. A. Graham which was discussed by Maj. Graham and the

pastors of Mission Points in the Association.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to mail a uniform Church Letter to every church in the Association thirty days before the convening of the Association.

The following pledges for Associational Missions:

Alexis	$ 5.00	Brought for'd	$694 00
Beulah	3.00	Maiden	35.00
Bethel	5.00	McAdenville	10.00
Cedar Grove	5.00	Mtn. Grove	12.50
Corinth	10.00	Mount Holly	2.50
Dallas	50.00	Mt. Ruhama	10.00
E. Gastonia	35.00	Mt. Zion	10.00
Faith	5.00	Macedonia	10.00
Gastonia, First	200.00	Newton	30.00
Hickory, First	200.00	Olivett	25.00
Hebron	5.00	Piney Grove	8.00
Hickory Grove	10.00	Providence, No. 2	7.00
Kid's Chapel	36.00	Penelope	3.00
High Shoals	8.00	Reepsville	6.00
Leonard's Fork	12.00	Salem	5.00
Lincolnton	75.00	Star Town	10.00
Long Creek	5.00	Thesolonica	8.00
Lucia	5.00	Warlick's Chapel	5.00
Loray	20.00		
	$694 00	Total	$891.00

On motion Associational Missions was continued for discussion at 2 o'clock. The meeting was dismissed by prayer by J. L. Vipperman.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 23rd, 1908.

Report of Executive Committee was submitted by W. A. Graham.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Expended during the year:

Luther Bangle, Howe's School House	$ 25.00
R. D. Carroll, Newton, Cedar Grove and Star Town	300.00
A. W. Setzer, Denver, 6 Months	62.50
J. A. Hoyle, Spencer Mountain, 6 Months	25.00
S. W. Bennett, Lincolnton	75.00
Piney Grove	20.00

High Shoals	25.00
West Hickory	50.00
Total	$582.50

W. A. GRAHAM,
W. C. MULLEN,
H. B. MOORE,
J. R. UNDERWOOD,
E. B. WHISANANT,
Committee.

Report on State Missions was submitted by A. W. Setzer.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Baptist State Convention from the very beginning of its existence set itself to the task of supplying destitute sections in the State with Baptist preaching, as the following from the memorable address of Thomas Meredith immediately following the organization of the Convention, will show.

"A wish has prevailed to some extent and it is believed to be neither an unreasonable nor an uncharitable one, to see Baptist churches in many places where they are not; and to see all under the superintendence of a faithful and successful ministry. It is a plain case that where there is no church there adequate resources for the immediate support of the Gospel cannot be expected. And it is equally plain that the insufficiency of a large proportion of the organized churches in the State is nearly, if not quite, as great. It is the grand object of the Convention to supply these deficiences."

To place Baptist churches where they are not; to equip a God-called ministry, and to aid struggling churches were made the "grand object" of the Convention. From the day the Convention was organized until now it has given first consideration and its best efforts to accomplish these important ends.

The Convention has committed the establishing of mission stations and aiding of weak churches to a number of brethren who are known as the State Mission Board, and their work has come to be called State Missions. These brethren are elected annually by the Convention. From one end of the State to the other State Missions has erected monuments to itself which stand to-day as evidences of both the wisdom of the Fathers in planning the work for future years, and the faithful, persistent

effort of the Baptists of the State to maintain Baptist preaching within reach of every citizen.

Through many difficulties and hardships State Missions, under the blessing of God, has reached the present magnificent proportions, and though for more than seventy-five years the work of occupying destitute territory has been going on, there are still many sections of our State where there is no Baptist preaching. While obtaining to a degree in various localities, this condition prevails more largely in the eastern and coast sections than elsewhere in the State. In these sections there still remain large expanses of territory where Baptist preaching is unknown.

In prosecuting the work of State Missions, the Board pursues the policy of supplementing the salaries paid by struggling organizations and maintaining purely mission points. In the matter of supplementing salaries paid by weak churches aid is given by the Board requisite to maintain such frequent services as the surrounding conditions demand: In some instances the salary for once-a-month preaching is supplemented, in others, more frequent services, up to full time. In the matter of sustaining purely mission points, where the full salary is paid by the Board, your committee knows of no instance where more than once-a-month preaching is maintained. The Board is this year sustaining four such points within the bounds of our Association.

The largest debt in the history of State Missions now threatens the Board. The Convention at its last session instructed the Board to plan its work this year on a basis of forty-five thousand dollars. The outlook is distressing, and unless contributions are unprecedented from now until the meeting of the Convention, the most demoralizing debt State Missions has ever known will be the result. It will be harder to rally from the effects of such debt than to make sacrifices now and save the cause of State Missions from temporary defeat. Your committtee would urge all churches that for any reason have failed to take collections for State Missions during the associational year to take such collections during the month of November and forward same to the Convention Treasurer so as to reach him on or before the last day of the month. Your committee would also recommend that pastors and churches make effort to increase the contributions to State Missions for the next associational year twenty-five per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

Report was made by J. A Hoyle of work at the Mission points of Spencer Mountain, Loray; by A. W. Setzer of the work at Cline's Township, Catawba County: by R.D. Carroll of work at Newton, Star Town and Cedar Grove; by Luther Bangle of work at Howe's School house; by C M. Robinson of work at West Hickory, Brookford, Piney Grove and High Shoals; by S. W. Bennett on work at Lincolnton

After address by Livingston Johnson, reports on Associational and State Missions were adopted.

Report on Education submitted by J. L. Vipperman adopted after having been discussed by A. W. Setzer.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

I take it that from the days of Seth, "when men began to call upon the name of the Lord," until this glad hour the demands for educated men and women were never greater than at the present. The present demand for trained men and women is at once remarkable. Countless places of enlarged usefulness are reaching out their unfortunate hands for those who by reason of their studious application are fully prepared to measure arms with the existing conditions and demands in such places of enlarged usefulness. The present educational advantages were never parellelled in the history of the world. As to the nature of education we believe in Christian education throughout. You may profitably make the following contrast: "On the one hand place all possible knowledge coming from human arts and sciences; your eminence in literature, modern and classic; your attainments in mathematics and physics—the esteem and honor with which the world regards men who are covered with medals from colleges and great universities; contrast, I say, this, with "the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord."—because the world by wisdom knew not God. The South Fork Institute at Maiden opens wide her doors to our sons and daughters and bids them become the beneficiaries of our efficient faculty. The necessities of this school are at once mutual. We need it, and it must have us or write Ichabod over her doors. We urge that all wise and necessary means and efforts be put forth for the payment of the present indebtedness. We most earnestly urge our Baptist people to patronize our denominational schools. We urge also that our young ministers take College and Seminary courses. We joyfully recommend Wake Forest College and our Seminary at Louisville. As for our girls we do

not think Athens, Greece, could surpass our Baptist University for Women at Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. VIPPERMAN, Chairman.

Adjournment.

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCT. 23rd, 1908.

It was announced by W. H. Reddish, for Mrs. H. B. Moore, Vice President Woman's Missionary Society, that the Society had decided to hold their meetings at a separate time and place of that of the Association, their next meeting to be held at Lincolnton the first Wednesday in October, 1909

R. D. Carroll submitted his report on Foreign Missions, and after discussions by brothers E. E Bomar of Charlotte, and Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The basis of all foreign mission work is found in John 3:16—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Christ was the missionary from heaven to a lost world. Having risen in triumph from the grave He told His disciples that as the Father had sent Him, so He sent them. The field is the world; the command comes from the Lord, so long as there is one unconverted soul in all the world, so long will this command ring out clearly to God's people. It is sad to think that there are to-day over eight hundred millions of souls who know not of Christ, but linger in heathen darkness. Their condition is pitible. The men live in iniquity; the women and children grope in blight and night, and yet the people of God, entrusted with the light of life, decline to send them the truth. Our pride and selfishness are ministered unto, while famishing souls are dying for the Bread of Life. We build finer churches and finer houses and supply ourselves with the luxuries of life while souls are dying who know not the Son of God.

Our Foreign Mission Board last year made a good report of progress. Over $400,000 was contributed, and the Board was enabled to report "no debt" at the close of the Convention Year. While this should gratify us in one way, yet in another we should feel a sense of shame, for, throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention it meant that we had given on an

average of only twenty cents per member through the year. The fact was brought out at the Convention in Denver, that in the bounds of the Convention there are over ten thousand churches which gave nothing at all for Foreign Missions last year. We hope that not a church in our Association will stand in the non-contributing column for this great work of the Master.

During the last Associational year there were eleven churches in our bounds that reported nothing for Foreign Missions.

Last year twenty-four new missionaries were sent out. We have now in the field a force of 222 missionaries, 334 native assistants, that is 556 workers. How few are these, however, from two million Southern Baptists! Let us pray the Lord to thrust forth other laborers in the fields white now unto the harvest.

In connection with our work in the different mission lands, there are eight theological schools. These are training about 150 students who are to go out and preach the gospel. These native preachers are greatly needed for evangelistic work as well as for the training of thousands of new converts in mission lands.

The Board has sent twelve medical missionaries, and these, last year treated 38,000 patients. This medical work reaches the hearts of the people as no other work can. Not only is access gotten to the poor and needy, but also to those who are wealthy and powerful.

We are grateful to God for 2,174 converts who were added by baptism during the last Conventional year. We should pray to Him that He will gather many souls this year through our workers on the foreign fields.

At the Southern Baptist Convention last May, it was decided that we try to raise twenty-five per cent. more for foreign missions this year than last. Many of our churches ought to double or quadruple their gifts. To make a noble advance some one must take the lead in the Church. May our laymen feel called on to take a leading part in this great work.

We urge that our pastors most earnestly present the claims of a lost world, and that pastors and people pray to God that from our bounds may go some who shall preach the glorious gospel to those who wait in lands of darkness and sin.

We also recommend that our people take the Foreign Mission Journal, our excellent mission monthly, published by the Board, in Richmond, Va., at the small cost of 25c. a year. This Journal should be in every Baptist home.

Let Baptists practice symmetrical benevolence and cultivate,

and take the whole world for Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CARROLL.

W. A. Graham submitted report on death of W. R. Gwaltney, which report was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 24 h. 1908

The following resolution was adopted,—"Resolved, that we hereby express our grateful appreciation for the bountiful hospitality extended to us by the Baptists and other citizens of Gastonia. Every hour of our sojourn has been made comfortable and pleasant."

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Ed. Hurley, and after remarks by Bro. Hurley, L. L. Jenkins, W. H. Reddish, J. H. Vipperman, J. D. Harte and C. R. Orrender the report was adopted.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Bible is God's will to men. It "is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," 2 Tim., 3:16.

We have the divine proclamation: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," Mat. 28:18.

We have the divine command: "Go ye and teach all nations * * * and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."—Mat. 28:19,20.

We have the divine promise: "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."—Mat. 28:20.

A knowledge of the scripture will make us wise unto salvation. It will make us strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. The Sunday school is the best medium through which to utilize the rank and file of Christian manhood and womanhood for the dissemination of truth. Let us therefore put forth better effort in our Sunday schools.

E. A. HURLEY.

The following report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Minute Fund—$41 72. Home Missions—$50 14 Asso. Missions—$288 65 Foreign Missions—$100 64 State Missions—$74 00 Educational—$10 00.

On Motion by J. D. Harte the Sunday School Con-

vention was discontinued and a special day of each Association set apart for the consideration of Sunday School work

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Corinth Church, Tuesday at 1 o'clock before the last Sunday in October.

Adjournment

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association was called to order by the President, Mrs. H. Beeler Moore, in the Infant Class Room of the First Baptist church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Emma Padgett, of Maiden, who made an inspiring and helpful talk.

The President then made her annual address and report. Six new societies reported, making a total of seventeen societies in the Association, which contributed more than $800.00, during the past year to missions.

A roll of the societies was called and delegates responded with their annual letters from the following societies: Lincolnton, W. M. S.; Lincolnton, Y. W. A.; Lincolnton, Sunbeam; Hickory, W. M. S.; Maiden, W. M. S.; Maiden Sunbeam; Ollivet, W. M. S.; Kid's Chapel, W. M. S.; Gastonia W. M. S.; Gastonia Y. W. A.; Gastonia, Sunbeam.

After being fully discussed it was unanimously decided to hold the Woman's Annual Associational Meeting at a separate time and place from the regular Association.

A committee on time and place then reported and it was decided that the first separate meeting would be held with the Lincolnton Baptist church the 1st week in October, 1909.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. W. H. Reddish.

MOZELLE STRINGFIELD, Sec.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five. The pastors of the churches in the Association shall be recognized as delegates.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator. Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association, shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Tuesday before the last Sabbath in October, at 1 p. m. The Introductory Sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.
3. The Committees of this Association shall be Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Minister's Relief, Church Letters, and such special Committees as may be deemed necessary.
4. The hour for business shall be—Meet at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.
5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.
6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."
7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION (1881).

Resolved, First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, Second, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe the rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886).

CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

1. NAME—The name of this organization shall be South Fork Sunday School Association.

2. MEMBERSHIP—All pastors of Baptist Churches and Superintendents of Baptist Sunday Schools within the territory occupied by the South Fork Association shall be considered **ex officio** members of this Association. Such other persons as may be elected to represent Baptist Sunday Schools shall be members, provided no Sunday School shall be entitled to more than ten representatives in this Association.

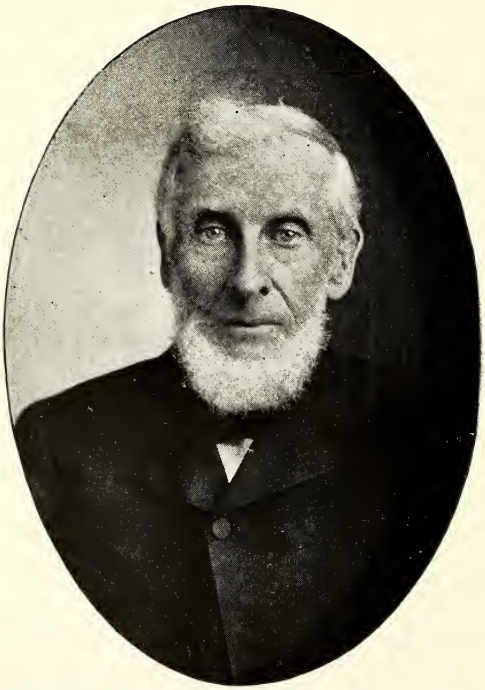
3. PURPOSE—It shall be the purpose of this gathering to stimulate Sunday School work within the territory occupied by the Association, but it shall not engage in colportage work, general mission work. or in any other line of work engaged in by the South Fork Association.

4. OFFICERS—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers are to be elected near the close of each annual session, their duties to be those usually devolving upon such officers.

5. MEETINGS—The Time of each Annual Meeting shall be the last Tuesday in July of each year, and the place of meeting shall be decided by vote or Executive Committee.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Executive Committee shall be composed of the above named officers.

7. AMENDMENT—This constitution shall be changed at any session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present at that session.



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William Robert Gwaltney, third child of Howell Lashley and Elsie Gwaltney, was born September 9th, 1835, in Alexander county, N. C., was reared on the farm, attended the schools of his neighborhood, afterwards went to York Collegiate Institute, and in 1855 to the Academy taught by Major J. H. Foote at Taylorsville, N. C., later was tutor in this school while conducted by Mr. Burke. He entered Wake Forest College in the fall of 1859.

He volunteered as a private in the 1st Regiment N. C. Troops in May 1862, but was appointed Colporteur by the N. C. Baptist State Convention at its session that year; he was appointed Chaplain of this regiment December 30, 1862. He united with Pilgrim church, Alexander county, and was baptized by Elder Wm. Chappell in October, 1853; was licensed to preach April 21st, 1860, and was ordained at Taylorsville, March 1st, 1863, by a presbytery consisting of Elder F. A. Belcher, Isaac Oxford and J. B. Green. He served as Chaplain of his regiment in Lee's army until December 1864, when, on account of ill health, he resigned. He was active in his work—many soldiers professed faith, and he often baptized in the Shenandoah and Rapidan rivers. He taught night school in his regiment when encamped sufficient time to do so, and many of the men learned to read and write. He was active in the great revival in General Lee's army in the winter of 1863-4, one of the greatest religious eras in military history, where officers and men met as brethren in Christ and labored for the salvation of souls. There were many conversions, and in the Gettysburg campaign, prayer-meetings were often held at the close of a long day's march, notice being given of the time and place which probably was between the position of two regiments, by passing word down the lines. He frequently preached in the Baptist churches in the vicinity of his camp, and exchanged services with chaplains of other regiments.

January, 1867, he returned to Wake Forest College, whence he had gone to enter the Confederate army in 1862, and received his diploma at the commencement in June. When he returned to college, the Ministerial Student Board were so pressed for funds that they could give little aid; he thought of leaving, but Dr. Wingate's duties as pastor requiring frequent absence from home, he requested Brother Gwaltney to stay with his family

as a protector, giving him his board; he accepted this offer, aiding in cutting the wood, working the garden, or any other necessary work, and was thus enabled to finish his studies.

He was very desirous to have Theological lectures for the Ministerial Students, and succeeded in getting Professor Simmons to undertake the work. In the spring Elder C. N. Senderlin came from the Greenville Seminary to Wake Forest College, bringing with him a copy of the lectures given at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He copied them for his own use—to do this required one hundred and fifty pages of foolscap paper.

October, 1867, he accepted as pastor the call of the Baptist Church at Hillsboro, his support to be mainly from the State Mission Board, and the Beulah Association. Although $700 was promised, only $450 was received, on account of the Association being in debt. The church house was not completed but the basement was used for services. There was a debt of $1,107.00 on the uncompleted building, the Confederate money contributed for its erection having become valueless, and $1,600.00 was needed to complete it. Assisted by Mrs. Gov. Graham, he raised the necessary funds. This was his first experience in church building, of which he perhaps did more than any other minister of his time. Dr. Gwaltney, although a man of remarkable nerve, and one who had the courage of his convictions, was an extremely modest man, and unappreciative of his own abilities. At first he prepared his sermons and read them closely. He concluded to discard his manuscript, and depend upon notes or headings in the delivery—he sometimes signally failed, this was to some extent due to the fact that Ex-Governor Graham was often in his congregation and an attentive hearer. He was of remarkably commanding and handsome appearance, and perhaps regarded as the greatest man of his State in his day. These failures were discouraging to the young preacher—he spoke of quitting the ministry, or at least finding a field in the country. Mrs. Graham was a member of the church, and had, perhaps, more influence in encouraging him in his work than any other person. At his request, she was a critic of his preaching on matter and manner, and faithfully and severely performed this duty. In conducting the services of her burial, he said he felt that if he had ever accomplished anything in life, he owed it largely to her influence. She was very attentive to the needs of his family—her interest in him and his family, caused her family to entertain an affection near to kinship for him and his.

He gradually overcame his diffidence, for his distinguished listener was a most cordial and kind acquaintance, and remained at Hillsboro until January 1872, when he resigned with no special field in view.

The church was completed and the Baptist State Convention met in Hillsboro in 1868. Dr. Pritchard preached the dedicatory sermon. This was followed upon challenge of Dr. H. B. Pratt, the Presbyterian minister, by a series of sermons in defense and against infant baptism.

While at Hillsboro, he preached also at Chapel Hill, three years, Cane Creek, Graham, Company Shops (now Burlington), and Gibsonville.

He accepted the "Davie Field" February, 1872, preaching in the Court House at Mocksville with 12 members and at Jerusalem, afterwards taking Ellis and Trading Ford churches, in Rowan county. From Trading Ford he went to Salisbury and preached at night in Maroney Hall, afterwards Mr. McNeely offered his hall, which he used and paid for the lights himself. Elder Elias Dodson seeing in the Biblical Recorder a notice of his preaching at Salisbury, sent him a postal card, with the following written on it:

"If any one says the Baptist cause cannot succeed in Salisbury, you reply, "Ye do err not knowing the Scriptures and the power of God.' E. DODSON."

In 1873, he served Eaton's church, Davie and Union Hill, in Davidson county. In 1874, his field was Eaton's, Mocksville, Jerusalem and Statesville, one-fourth of his time being given to canvass for endowment of Wake Forest College, preaching one Sunday a month in Statesville. He erected new buildings at Mocksville and Jerusalem.

He was very active in promoting the formation of the South Yadkin Association. While at Mocksville, he served the church at Winston two years, and in December, 1876-7, moved. This was then a feeble church, said to be composed of "factory hands and kitchen women." There was no church building, the Court House was used for services, when it could be had, at other times an old school house. The more wealthy Baptists of the town would not unite with the church. On pressing a brother to get letters for himself and family, and unite with them, the brother said, "that he did not see how he could afford to do it." Dr. Gwaltney replied, "Brother, if you are not the friend of Jesus Christ in his poverty, when he gets rich he will not need you." The brother united with the church and became a very active

member. A building costing $3,500.00 was erected. He bought the church lot and erected the church building; giving Red Bank one Sunday a month while in Winston.

In May, 1877, he became pastor at Greensboro and remained until September and was accustomed to aid in protracted meetings or voluntary work for State Mission Board.

From September, 1877, to January, 1885, he was pastor of Swain Street Baptist church in Raleigh, now the Tabernacle. The location was changed October 1st, 1881, to present situation, corner Harnett and Person streets. In 1879, he was requested by Trustees to undertake the work, and to raise endowment for Wake Forest College, also by Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention to become its agent; in each case there was increase of salary offered, but he deemed it his duty to remain with his church and assist in the completion of the house, which was completed and dedicated the 1st Sunday in October, 1881. In 1870, he aided in organizing the Mount Zion Association, preaching the first Introductory Sermon. In August, 1884, he made an appeal through the Biblical Recorder for the establishment of a Baptist Orphanage—as he says in his Journal, "This was the first appeal of the sort ever made to our own people in North Carolina. Some wrote endorsing, others opposing. In October, Dr. R. D. Fleming, of Warrenton, and J. H. Mills met at my house, in Raleigh, and we agreed to not ask the State Convention to endorse it, but to call a meeting during the approaching session of the Convention, and ask those who chose to meet with us, to consult and decide upon what should be done. A large meeting was held in his church, which resolved to present the matter to the Convention for its endorsement. When presented, it was opposed by a few delegates, so it was withdrawn without an expression by the Convention on the subject. A few of us met in the pastor's study, 1st Church, and organized the Baptist Orphanage Association, appointed a locating committee, and J. H. Mills General Agent. At the close of the year, we had 306 acres of land nearly paid for, two buildings ready for use, four more to be erected in the spring. As we see the work being done, we exclaim what has God wrought!"

In January, 1885, he came to Greensboro, and remained as pastor until September, 1890. In July the church building was burned, and Dr. Benbow tentered his "Hall" for services in the summer and the Y. M. C. A. Hall in the winter. In 1886, he moved to Bogart's Hall, rent $100 per annum, and remained until the church was built. He says at the close of 1885, "This is a

hard field for Baptists, but with the truth as it is in Christ and the everlasting promise of God, we feel assured of success, although the opposition to immersion is stronger than in any place he has ever known." He aided in organizing the Baptist church in Concord, October, 1886. The first Sunday in May we entered our new church in Greensboro. He says in his record, "I gave myself to the Gospel ministry more than twenty years ago, have ever been ready to go wherever the Lord seemed to lead, so I desire to be led until the end shall come." The third Sunday in May, 1887, the new church house was dedicated. A Mission Chapel in East Greensboro was built this year. In 1889, he had a monthly appointment in the woods, three miles northwest from Greensboro, on Brother Alfred Ingold's land, using a plank nailed to two trees for a book board. State Convention met in Greensboro in 1888.

In 1890, he became pastor at Wake Forest, and remained until June, 1898. He was Secretary of the Board of Education and visited the Association in its interest until 1894, when he resigned, as he could not give the time required for the work. He finds "much pleasure in visiting the boys in their rooms, and drawing them closer to the work and to me."

During his pastorate, the number of students grew from one hundred and ninety, in 1892 to two hundred and sixty-two in 1897. In offering his resignation in March, he says, "Don't know where I will go, do not feel disturbed about it, for I believe the Lord is leading, and will open up the right place in His own good time. Eight years of unsatisfactory pastoral work for an earnest pastor, hardest to be found anywhere."

During his pastorate, his influence by sermon, association and conversation with the students was very valuable in advancing the cause of the work of the church, and organizing and directing men into it. Many of our preachers and church workers are much indebted to him for their influence in the Master's work.

WORK IN THE SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION.

He came to Hickory in June, 1898. In November he began services at West Hickory, using the school house, preaching twice a month in the afternoon, and attending prayer meetings Tuesday nights. In 1900, a chapel is built. In 1901, the new church building was begun, on March 15th, 1903, it is used for services, and is dedicated the first Sunday in June, 1904. This was at the time the finest church building in Hickory—a great advance from the small wooden building formerly used.

In the spring of 1907, a church was constituted at West Hickory, and Elder C. M. Robinson called as pastor. The work of his church had grown to such an extent that it required all his time. He preached his last sermon the fourth Sunday in November, 1907. He was attacked with hemorrhage of the nose which resulted fatally December 15th, 1907.

The writer spent November 30th with him, consulting as to the work in the Association for 1908 by the Association and the State Board. Although feeble, he was, as always, much interested and gave valuable suggestions. He regretted much that he would not be able to attend the approaching session of the State Convention at Wilmington. When in session he sent the following wise message: Num. 13:30: "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Last duty assigned him by his brethren was to read a paper before the Pastor's conference in Wilmington, subject: "Piety and Prayer the Chief Elements of a Pastor's Power." He kept a record of his life, which is one of the most valuable contributions to North Carolina Baptist history. He relates the places at which he preached, the protracted meetings in which he aided, the Association and Conventions whose sessions he attended, interspersed with thoughts as to the prospect of work at the time. The limit of this paper will not permit a detailed account of these matters.

He and his family often felt the want of supplies and comfort, yet bore all cheerfully for the Master's sake. The salary he received was sometimes too meagre for the support of his family, and individual funds were used to meet expenses.

"No foot of land did he possess," and small was the patrimony in earthly goods that he bequeathed to his family, but his character as a Christian man, and the work he did for the Master can not be estimated in the currency of time.

On January 30th, 1866, he married Miss A. E. Staley, of Wilkesboro, N. C. Throughout his life she was indeed a helpmeet, sharing in his joys, his trials, and his sorrows, faithfully doing the work of a pastor's wife and aiding much in his success as pastor upon the many fields which he served. And in the day when crowns will be bestowed, she will appear as one known by the Master for the work which she did in his vineyard.

To them were born six daughters and four sons, all of whom, except the fourth daughter, survive their father, and are church members except one.

He was Trustee of Wake Forest College for thirty-nine years; Trustee of the Baptist Orphanage since its foundation; and a

member of the Executive Committee; President of Board of Trustees since the death of Dr. John Mitchel; several years a Trustee of the Baptist Female University in Raleigh.

The three most notable men among the Baptists in the transition period subsequent to the war, were: Drs. Pritchard, Hufham and Gwaltney, each doing a different work. It would make a paper too long for our minutes to attempt to describe the work of each.

Dr. Gwaltney impressed himself as a man consecrated to God, more strongly upon the Denomination in the State than any one that I have known. As a preacher he was not noted for the logical arrangement of his sermon, or its eloquent delivery, but for his epigrammatic manner, a short pithy sentence, which needed no explamation or amendment, being more effective than the strongest lengthy argument.

He was highly esteemed by his brethren of other denominations, yet in his association with them, which was always courteous, he impressed upon them that he held views different from those they entertained upon important Biblical doctrines, and he desired that they should know and recognize the fact.

Being a man of clear, unbiased judgment, he was often called upon to act upon matters of inquiry as to the conduct of individuals and churches. He never entered upon work of this kind with the sentiment which our courts impose upon jurors, that "you must esteem a man innocent until his accusers prove him guilty," but his sentiment was, "this man may be innocent and he may be guilty, I will see how it is." If he was of the opinion that the party was guilty, although the evidence through technicality or design could not be made to show it plainly, he never hesitated to express his views, and was actuated by the principle to let no guilty man escape. I never knew any one who had a greater variety of experiences as minister and pastor. Tennyson's beautiful lines are well illustrated by his life and death:

"Twilight and evening fell and after that the dark,
May there be no sadness or farewell when I embark.
But when from out our bourne of time and space the
Flood shall bear me far—
I hope to meet my pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."

A pilot does not steer the boat, but being acquainted with rocks and reefs, takes his position where he can have his eye upon the compass, and calls out port or lee as he wishes the vessel to be directed, and safety depends upon the man at the

helm obeying the directions of the pilot, and not as the course may appear to him.

In 1853, our brother took his pilot on board and gave himself to his service—like all human beings, he no doubt sometimes directed his ship according to his ideas, but as "he struck the hidden rock or treacherous shoal" with the prayer, "Jesus Savior, pilot me" he righted his course for the celestial haven. When his pilot changed from Spirit to person as he crossed the bar, he met him "face to face" and received the plaudit "well done, good and faithful servant."

On the 15th of December, 1907, "He was not, for God took him," and he left the record that he walked with God.

GEO. W. COCHRANE.

Deacon Geo. W. Cochrane, Newton, N. C. He was a faithful Confederate soldier, losing a leg in the service. Was an active member of Newton church for near twenty ears.

H. A. GILLELAND.

Deacon H. A. Gilleland, Lucia, was a soldier in Confederate army for four yers as member of Co. I, 49th Regt., N. C., Troops. United with the M. E. Church, South, in early life; about eight years ago became a Baptist; was a blacksmith and one of the most proficient of his period; signed himself in all communications to the papers as the blacksmith; one of the most zealous member of Newton church for twenty years.

DAVID J. ABERNETHY.

Deacon David J. Abernethy, Mt. Zion. He united with Benington church more than fifty years ago; moved his membership to Mt. Zion at its organization, becoming Clerk and Deacon. He attended sessions of the Association and Union meetings regularly for many years when the denomination was very weak in his section.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	SUN. OF CH'CHS	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTEND'T	POST OFFICE	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE	POST OFFICE
Alexis	Gaston	J. A Hoyle	Gastonia	T. W. Garrison	Alexis	1	C. A. Lineberger	Alexis	W. H. Abernathy	Alexis
Amity	Lincoln	W. B McClure	Alexis	W. W Moore	Iron Station				P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton
Belmont	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Charlotte	R. M Gaston	Belmont		J. A. Leeper	Belmont	Laura Stowe	Belmont
Beulah	Catawba	L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	Wm Johnson	Henry	2	C. L. Blackwood	Henry		
Bethel	Lincoln			W. C Mullen	Lincolnton				Jessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Bruington	Gaston	J. T. Newton	Fallston	D. F. Hovis	Stanley	3	D F. Hovis	Stanley	V. O. Morris	Stanley
Cedar Grove	Catawba			J. A Whitener	Newton				Lizzie Whitener	Newton
Corinth	Catawba	C A. Caldwell	Hickory	G. W. Hood	Reepsville	4 & Sat	R. P Havner	Henry	R. A. Abernathy	Plateau
Catawba	Catawba	C M. Robinson	Hickory	M. J. Cochrane	Catawba				Pearl Aderholt	Catawba
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	J. R. Lewis	Dallas	2 and 4	R. S. Lewis	Dallas	C. R. Orrender	Dallas
E. Gastonia	Gaston	J. L. Vipperman	Dallas	C. B. Newton	Gastonia	1 and 3	S. A. Newton	Gastonia	C. B. Newton	Gastonia
Faith		L. A. Bangle	Reepsville	R A ballard	Macpelah	3			A. N. Jones	Alexis
Gastonia 1st	Gaston	W. H Reddish	Gastonia	J. D Moore	Gastonia	Ev Sun	L. L. Jenkins	Gastonia	W. H. Reddisb	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	L. A Bangle	Reepsville	C. T. Thomas	Mt. Holly	1	T. H Roberts	Mtn Island	Bettie Lowe	Mtn. Island
Hickory 1st	Catawba	J. D. Harte	Hickory	W T. Sledge	Hickory	Ev Sun	W. L Boatright	Hickory	Mrs W. F Jones	Hickory
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	J. F. Abernathy	Lowell	4	Labe Abernathy	McAdenville	G. P. Abernathy	McAdenville
High Shoals	Gaston	C. M Robinson	Hickory	E. L. Carpenter	High Shoals		L W. Hartgrove	High Shoals	S S Webb	High Shoals
Kids Chapel	Lincoln	A. W. Setzer	Newton	W. A Graham	Macpelah	1 and 3	W. S. Kids	Denver	Birdie Smith	Kidsville
Leonards Fork	Lincoln	P. Stringfield	Maiden	W. H. Hoover	Crouse	2	T. J. Hoover	Crouse	Ethel Houser	Lincolnton
Lincolnton	Lincoln	S. W Bennett	Lincolnton	J. F. McKinn s	Lincolnton	Ev Sun	J O. Allen	Lincolnton	Florence Fink	Lincolnton
Long Creek	Gaston	J. A Hoyle	Gastonia	A. R. Hollard	Dallas	3	A. R. Holland	Dallas	A R. Holland	Dallas
Long Shoals		C E Beaver	Maiden	H. A. Harrel	Long Shoals	2	Jas Williams	Long Shoals		
Lowell	Gaston	J H. Vipperman	McAdenville	W. F. Huggins	Lowell	4	W. F. Huggins	Lowell		
Lucia	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	W B McIntosh	Stanley				E. Hendrick	Lowell
Loray	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Gastonia	C. L. Chandler	Gastonia	2 and 4	C L. Chandler	Stanley	H E Gilead	Lowesville
Lawings Chapel		J M. Ballard	Macpelah	J J. Curlee	Lincolnton	1	J. A Hewitt	Lincolnton		
Macedonia	Lincoln	W. B. McClure	Alexis	W. W. Lawing	Lincolnton	3	H. Laney	Maiden	Bessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Maiden	Lincoln	O. L. Stringfield	Maiden	R B Cook	Maiden		E. S Whisonant	Maiden	Jennie whisenant	Maiden
McAdenville	Gaston	J. H Vipperman	McAdenville	M A Harwell	McAdenville	1 and 3	M. A. Harwell	McAdenville	J. T. Stafford	McAdenville
Mtn. Grove	Catawba	C M Robinson	Hickory						J. B Rockett	Hickory
Mt. Holly	Gaston	J. T. ewton	Fallston	G L. Mullers.	Mt. Holly	1	J. D Howe	Mt Holly	J. D Howe	Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	W B McClure	Alexis	T. H Caldwell	Newton	2	M C. Laney	Maiden	G. W. Caldwell	Newton
Mtn. View	Catawba	H. B Chronister	Maiden	E Litten	Maiden	4	W. E Clark	Maiden	E. Litten	Maiden
Newton	Catawba	R D Carroll	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	1 and 3	J. F. Hawkins	Newton	Etta Curtis	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. T Erwin	Catawba	2	J T Erwin	Catawba	J. T Erwin	Catawba
Piney Grove	Catawba	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	J. W. Barker	Claremont	1	W. J. Barker	Newton		
Providence 1st	Catawba			C Hewitt	Claremont					
Providence II	Catawba	C. A Caldwell	Hickory	R. L. Aberrathy	Henry	2	Marion Hoffman	Henry	J. S Hoffman	Hayseed
Penelope	Burke	J. A. Rector				2				
Reepsville	Lincoln	L A. Bangle	Reepsville	H. D. Canipe	Reepsville	4	Russel Kiser	Reepsville	J W Hedron	Hickory
River View	Lincoln	C. F. Felmet	Drayton, S C	E. C. Huss	South Side	2	W. A L. Cline	South Side	Mattie Williams	South Side
Sandy Plains	Gaston	C. F Felmet	Drayton, S C	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia	4	S. G. McAlister	Gastonia	J E C. Ford	Lowell
Salem	Gaston	C. E Beaver	Maiden	C. F. Clayton	Lincolnton		L. M Hovis	Lincolnton	Jno Harrell	Lincolnton
Startown	Catawba	R D. Carroll	Newton	L. Y. Killian	Newton	4			Mrs W L Killian	Newton
Thessalonica	Catawba	C. A Caldwell	Hickory	W. P. Rhoney	Newton				W. P Rhoney	Newton
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	C E Beaver	Maiden	A. J. Cook	Hickory	1	R. M. Perry	Connelly Spgs	A J. Cook	Hickory
W. Hickory	Catawba	*					C. O Deat	Hickory		
Brookford	Catawba	*								
Mt. Zion	Gaston	*								
Sharon	Lincoln	*								
Webbs Chapel	Gaston	*								

*Not Represented

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Exp'ses	The Poor	Associational Missio's	State Missio's	Home Missio's	Foreign Missio's	S. S. Missions	Colportage	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Ed.	Old Min'sr Relief	Other Objects	TOTALS	Benevolent C'tribut'ns per Capita
Alexis	$ 75	$	$ 1	$ 6	$	$ 5	$	$ 2	$ 3	$	$	$ 3	$	$	$	$	$ 95	$ 23
Amity	50						1	1	4			2 66					58 66	17
Belmont	200					5	5	4	3			30 50					247 50	15
Beulah	40	25		8		1	1	1 40									76 40	14
Bethel						5 50											5 50	08
Bruington	80		17 93	19 31		4			10			6			1	70	138 94	33
Cedar Grove	25	50				5	1					1					32 50	39
Corinth	150	86	5	9		8	1 79	2	2			2			50	17	283 29	12
Catawba	100					10	2 10					1 84				10	123 94	30
Dallas	600	20		60	10 70	50						5		15		101	861 70	83
E. Gastonia	500		170 30	64 73		25	5	5	49 81			26 77		10		58 79	915 40	17
Faith	50	40	7			5			1 11								103 11	25
Gastonia 1st	1000	421 03	37 81	221	19 50	200	162 34	166 95	507 47	11 28		293 91	425	25	32 41	4	3527 70	5 20
Hebron	100		8	22 55		4 25											134 80	05
Hickory 1st	1200	811 72	388 40	160 26	60 55	90	94 50	80 35	166 25	10 50		146 36	253 25	5 75	5 75	5	3487 64	3 21
Hickory Grove	100		93 50	10 81		15		5	15			11 15					250 46	23
High Shoals	67 42					3 67	2 67		2 50			2 10					78 36	10
Kids Chapel	125		3			25 80	4 77	4 25	12 83			22 40	12	2 67	1 16	6 35	220 23	89
Leonards Fork	75					12	2		4			2					95	30
Lincolnton	345	90	75 63			50	60 89	24 74	43 27			52 54		5 15	5 40	829 47	1582 09	80
Long Creek	100	10 75	20 05	7 62		15							8 80				162 22	15
Long Shoals	45		5			2		1 80	2			2					57 80	15
Lowell	118 22	25				5 95	5 95	5 95	11 65			14 05				28	214 77	31
Lucia	45					10 25											55 25	22
Loray	152	346 40	56 69	65	6	6 12	6		2 75			4 25	3				648 12	40
Lawings Chapel	22 84	1000	7 05	5 60		2 35			2 30								1040 14	10
Macedonia	100			3	1	3		12 11	4			4					127 11	17
Maiden	250		15		6	10	11 85		14 21			10				14 17	331 23	26
McAdenville	163 50		26 85	29 50	15	25	5					10				34 25	309 10	20
Mtn. Grove	75					12 50	1 64	2	2 50			1 77			54		95 95	20
Mt. Holly	119 75	6	19 77	15					10 70			2 75				17 44	191 41	11
Mt. Ruhama	100					10		2	2 40			2 13	5				121 50	09
Mtn. View	50					3	2	1									56	08
Newton	200	80	46 42	22 15	5	30	18 15	1 50	2 50			53 97				158 77	618 46	61
Olivet	200			37 63		50	14	11	15			30	65		2	20 88	445 51	1 00
Piney Grove	40		6 80	2		8		1 02				1 25					59 07	20
Providence 1st									80			80					1 60	06
Providence II	66 05			90		6	4 61	1 61	3			3					85 17	26
Penelope		65	4 61		8 10			6	6			5					94 71	
Reepsville																		
River View	150			30	4		6	5 38	6									
Sandy Plains	150	30 40	16 45	8	3	12 50	3 75	3 75	3 75			53 93	10		4	22 80	201 38	14
Salem	75					5			3			4					322 33	80
Startown	75					10	2		2 25			2 50					87	13
Thessalonica	85					8	1 92	2 25	1			1 13				50	92 25	88
Warlick's Chapel	75		12	2	10	4			1			3				6 81	106 11	40
W. Hickory	35 65					5		2 86	1 52			3 52	2 70				109 70	38
Brookford	*															17 30	65 85	72
Mt. Zion	*																	
Sharon	*																	
Webbs Chapel	*																	
	7375 43	3057 80	1044 17	819 06	148 85	767 89	426 93	356 92	922 57	21 78		822 25	784 75	63 57	52 76	1353 23	18017 96	21 87

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SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1908.

CHURCHES	Constituted	ADDITIONS				DIMUNIT'TS				MEMBERSHIP			SUN. SCHOOL			C'H. PROP'Y	
		Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers & Teachers	Pupils	Total	Seating Capacity	Value
Alexis	1903	5	4		9	14			14	29	29	58	7	83	90	300	$ 1200
Amity	1905	28	7		35					18	36	54		54	54		
Belmont	1874	6			6	1		2	3	35	50	85	6	50	56		
Beulah	1905									6	11	17	8	101	109	300	400
Bethel	1895		1		1	20		1	21	26	44	70					
Bruington	1853	8	7		15			2	2	29	35	64	6	51	57	450	1200
Cedar Grove	1902	1			1					5	13	18					
Corinth	1905	23	4	1	28		3		3	58	77	135	9	108	117		500
Catawba	1875		2		2					23	23	46					
Dallas	1879	22	7		29	6		4	10	49	49	98	7	70	77	400	1500
E. Gastonia	1901	67	20	1	88	15	6	1	22	109	205	314	13	175	188	600	3000
Faith	1906	5	4		9	2			2	12	13	25				300	800
Gastonia 1st	1884	8	31	6	45	35	2	2	39	117	185	302	21	233	254	700	10000
Hebron	1883	15	2		17	3		2	5	27	54	81	7	84	91	450	800
Hickory 1st	1870	6	27	1	34	18	1	4	23	102	180	282	17	190	207	700	15000
Hickory Grove	1883	12	4	1	17	2		1	3	81	96	177	8	70	78	400	2000
High Shoals	1902	48	16	5	69	12			12	42	58	100	7	87	94	500	1400
Kids Chapel	1872	2		1	3	4			4	43	67	110	6	55	61	300	800
Leonards Fork	1882		2		2	1	1	1	3	21	42	63	2	21	23	300	
Lincolnton	1859	24	64		88	14	1	2	17	90	135	225	17	170	187	300	5800
Long Creek	1872	25	3	2	30	1		1	2	60	104	164	6	35	41	200	2000
Long Shoals		24	3		27	3			3	22	32	54	9	75	84		
Lowell	1892	9	4		13	11		1	12	53	87	140	12	128	140	400	1250
Lucia	1903	9			9		2		2	18	29	47					
Loray	1905	11	17		28	12		1	13	15	54	69	11	160	171	800	4200
Lawings Chapel	1907	10	7		17					24	24	48	7		7	300	1000
Macedonia	1869	22	2	3	27	13		2	15	61	76	137	8	80	88	400	400
Maiden	1891		1		1	16		3	19	86	113	199	11	161	172		
M·Adenville	1887	15	3	4	22	7	6	3	16	65	138	203	11	201	212	400	1000
Mtn. Grove	1881	6	1		7	7			7			96		45	45		
Mt. Holly	1890	19			19	3			3	40	69	109	6	80	86	300	1500
Mt. Ruhama	1816	8			8	2	1	2	5	99	147	246	13	70	83	400	600
Mtn. View	1853	8	1	2	11	1			1	27	48	75	7	85	92	500	800
Newton	1882	5	7		12	4		1	5	40	82	122	12	128	140	300	3500
Olivet	1833	15	4	1	20	10	8	3	21	66	119	185	10	147	157	400	1000
Piney Grove	1904	9	3		12	4		1	5	26	26	52	9	51	60	400	400
Providence 1st	1852	1	2		3			1	1	9	18	27				200	200
Providence II	1878	16	4	1	21	2	1	1	4	33	35	68	4	35	39		
Penelope	1888					1			1				6	42	48		
Reepsville	1899	3	1		4	2	8		10	52	27	79	10	70	80	300	800
River View	1897	13			13	15			15	60	86	146	12	120	132	400	800
Sandy Plains	1863	9	3	3	15					64	81	145	7	68	75	600	600
Salem	1847	10	3		13	3			3	37	59	96	7	50	56	400	600
Startown	1896					1		1	2	6	13	19				300	350
Thessalonica	1830		1		1	3		1	4	18	36	54					
Warlick's Chapel	1815	6	1		7	4	3	2	9	33	84	117	5	45	50	500	1200
W. Hickory	1907	9	14		23	24	1		25	14	28	42		85	85		500
Brookford	1907	*															
Mt. Zion	1869	*															
Sharon	1884	*															
Webbs Chapel	1892	*															
		542	287	32	861	296	44	46	386	1950	3017	4967	323	3563	3886	13500	$67100

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PROGRESSIVE REWARDS

Two new series of pins to be given scholars, either for helping to increase the attendance, or for punctuality, or as a mark of merit

NUMBER I

Young Reaper Series

HOW TO USE THIS SERIES

THIS beautiful new series of pins, with its harmony of gold and colors, has a most appropriate design of sheaf and sickle. It is suggestive of the text, "Ripe for the harvest." The fields are as ripe for young reapers as for old. The smallest scholar can bring others. We suggest that this series be used for the younger grades of the school. In using this series first order enough of No. 0 for each scholar in the beginners', primary, and junior grades; in this way enrolling them in the band of "young reapers."

Following this, No. 1 is to be given to be worn in place of No. 0 when the child has brought one new scholar to the school.

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The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS

The South Fork Association met Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, October 26th, 1909.

After a few brief remarks and a scriptural reading by W. A. Graham and prayer led by A. W. Setzer, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Osborne Brown was appointed temporary Clerk.

The roll of churches was called and Delegates enrolled as follows:

Alexis—E. V. Senter.
Amity—J. S. McAlister, Joe Lawing.
Bethel—W. C. Mullen.
Brookford—G. L. Foster, A. W. Helton.
Beulah—Talent.
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Gastonia, First Church—W. H. Reddish.
Hebron—Henry Thomas.
Hickory, First Church—W. R. Bradshaw, J. D. Elliott, R. L. White, J. F. Click.
Hickory Grove—G. P. Abernethy, Labern Abernethy, Harry Hope.
High Shoals—F. R. Duncan, R. J. Dellinger.
Kids Chapel—W. A. Graham, W. S. Kids, Joseph Graham.
Loray—J. D. Moose, L. A. Barbee, W. H. Noland, E. S. Hull.
Leonard's Fork—T. J. Hoover.
Lincolnton—G. W. Rollins, R. L. Sigmon, Thos. J. Ramsaur, S. W. Bennett.
Lowell—James Grady, Ivey Byers, W. F. Huggins.
Lucia—Not Represented.
Lawing's Chapel—C. E. Beaver, J. A. Shaw, J. M. Davis.
Long Shoals—H. J. Wise.
Long Creek—C. Rhyne.
Macedonia—Not Represented.
Mount Zion—W. F. McAlister, O. D. Long.

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Mountain View—E. Lytton, J. M. Lowe.

Newton—M. J. Cochrane, Preston Boyd, T. B. Moose.

Olivet—J. T. Ervin, Osborne Brown.

Providence, I—Not Represented.

Providence, II—W. M. Huffman, Marvin Huffman, Jas. Brittain.

Piney Grove—By Letter.

Penelope—I. M. Hilderbrand, J. R. Hosley.

River View—P. C. Whiteside, Clifton Canipe.

Reepsville—H. D. Canipe, L. A. Bangle, Pink Rheinhardt.

Sandy Plains—S. E. Beattie, T. G. McAlister.

Sharon—By Letter.

Salem—

Startown—J. Y. Killian.

Thessalonica—W. P. Rhoney, W. A. Chapman, D. H. Ramsaur.

West Hickory—C. M. Robinson, P. T. Berry.

Warlick's Chapel—A. J. Cook, A. W. Setzer.

Webb's Chapel—W. R. Huffstetler, F. B. Carpenter.

Spencer Mountain—W. F. Allen.

The Association then organized by electing W. A. Graham, Moderator; R. D. Carroll, Vice-Moderator; R. L. Sigmon, Clerk, and W. C. Mullen, Treasurer.

The introductory sermon was preached by J. D. Harte on "The Evangelistic Church."

General Manager, M. L. Kestler, of the Orphanage; E. L. Middleton, State S. S. Secretary, and A. L. Betts, representing the Recorder, were recognized.

The application of Spencer Mountain church for admission into the Association was referred to a committee composed of S. W. Bennett, J. D. Harte and Osborne Brown. Committee reported favorably and church was admitted.

W. A. Graham, J. D. Elliott and J. S. Lewis were elected as members of the Executive Committee.

S. W. Bennett was elected delegate to the Southern

Baptist Convention which meets in Baltimore May 12, 1910.

J. D. Elliott was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

A. W. Setzer, J. D. Harte and W. C. Mullen were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention which meets at Wadesboro, December 7, 1909.

J. D. Elliott, T. J. Ramsaur and Joseph Graham, Jr., were appointed Finance Committee of the Association.

Committee on Digest of Letter—J. D. Harte and W. R. Bradshaw.

On motion R. D. Carroll was appointed a committee of One to assist the Finance Committee to receive the moneys paid on pledges to South Fork Institute.

Report of Treasurer Mullen was submitted and adopted.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION, TREASURER'S REPORT.

Lincolnton, N. C., October 25th, 1909.

To balance at Association	$ 211.30
To amount from Finance Committee	658.87
To collection, since last report	293.24
Total	$1,163.41
By amounts paid out	$1,097.02
Balance on hand	$ 66 39

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MULLEN, Treas.

On motion it was ordered that a Finance Committee be appointed to assist the Treasurer in auditing his books prior to each Association.

The Orphanage was made a special order for 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and State Missions, for 2:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

By consent, Secretary Middleton was accorded first place for Sunday Schools after the discussion of State Missions Wednesday afternoon.

The Report on Periodicals was read and adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Side by side with our denominational schools, stands our Baptist literature as a factor in the development of denominational loyalty and Christian enlightenment.

Our earliest recollection of any sort of newspapers carries us back to the time when we spelled out the name of the Biblical Recorder, in exactly the same type as that in which it is now printed. In fact we do not recall when we first learned that there was such a paper as the Recorder. When a little boy, a dispute once arose between myself and one of my brothers about the correct pronunciation of the word "Biblical"—one holding that the "i" is short, the other that it is long. The Recorder has so held its head and enlarged its heart that it now stands as a giant doing battle for the great doctrines of the denomination and diffusing the fundamental principles as held by all orthodox Baptists.

The Biblical Recorder is not known in North Carolina only, but throughout the United States and from "Greenland's icy mountains to India's Coral Strand," wherever there are English speaking Baptists. Its agency for good will never be measured this side of eternity. Baptists honor themselves in honoring its brilliant Editor of the mountains, who, no doubt, gathered a large portion of that zeal and moral momentum which has characterized him as a man, while, as a boy, he pulled a bed-cord over a mule beside the sparkling waters of Mulberry Creek in Caldwell county.

We have never been able to express our appreciation and our high esteem for Charity and Children. We regret that, personally, we know so little of Editor Johnson. But evidence of his sound judgment and his attitude toward the great moral questions are manifest in nearly every issue of his paper. To my mind Charity and Children is a synonym for fairness and an exponent of the pure old fashioned christian doctrines. It stands alone. It fears not to denounce wrong doing in high places as well as low. In its sphere it has no equal as an all round readable paper. The boy or girl who makes Charity and

Children his or her close companion will seldom go wrong. Every parent, every Sunday school teacher, and every pastor in the State should make it a point not to be without this paper.

Whenever possible the Foreign Mission Journal, Kind Words, The Home Field, and the literature of our Sunday School Board should be placed in easy reach of our boys and girls who will read something.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. SIGMON.

A. L. Betts and W. A. Graham in a forceful manner presented the claims of the Biblical Recorder.

General Manager Kestler announced that he would be glad to take the names of all desiring to subscribe for Charity and Children.

J. D. Moose was appointed to conduct devotional exercises Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock to which time the Association adjourned after prayer by W. H. Reddish.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 27, 1909.

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional services conducted by J. D. Moose. Prayer by J. A. Hoyle and O. L. Stringfield.

The Auditing Committee was announced as follows: Thos. J. Ramsaur, J. O. Allen and R. L. Sigmon.

Committee on Place and Preacher—J. R. Underwood, W. S. Kids and R. P. Heavner.

Committee on application of Spencer Mountain Church for admission into the Association reported favorably. Report was adopted, delegates admitted and the right hand of welcome extended to them by the Moderator.

Sunday School was made a special order of the day for 1:30 p. m.

The Report on the Orphanage by A. W. Setzer was read and adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

During the session of the Baptist State Convention held in Raleigh in 1884 a few brethren, among whom were "Jack" Mills, Charles E. Taylor, C. Durham and W. R. Gwaltney, met apart from the Convention and organized The North Carolina Baptist Orphanage Association. Meeting with opposition at first, the Orphanage has come to occupy a very large place in the affections of the denomination. The first building, the gift of Rev. John Mitchell, D. D., was completed in 1885.

In the twenty-four years of its life the Orphanage has cared for nearly twelve hundred children. Its growth in recent years has been phenomenal; the plant now consisting of four hundred and fifty acres of land—about one hundred and fifty in cultivation—and about twenty buildings, among which are ten dormitories, a central school building —in which is conducted one of the best Graded Schools in the State, a central dining hall, sewing building, steam laundry, printing office, shoe shop, library, infirmary, etc. Those in charge are trying to make the best use possible of the farm and various shops in an effort to properly balance the literary and industrial features of education.

While it is true that there is need of enlargement both as to accommodations for more children and increased facilities for industrial training, yet the matter of SUPPORT is paramount. There are, approximately, four hundred children at the Orphanage. FOUR HUNDRED MOUTHS MUST BE FED AND AS MANY BODIES CLOTHED. Everything counted, it costs about eighty dollars a year to care for an orphan. It is perhaps true that in no other denominational enterprise are so many of our people interested, yet there were in North Carolina last year five hundred and sixty-seven Baptist churches that did not contribute a cent to the Orphanage. In our own Association twenty-seven per cent., or fourteen out of our fifty-one churches, gave nothing to the Orphanage last year. Your committee does not believe these churches are unfriendly to the Orphanage, but rather that the work and needs of the institution have not been properly put before them.

Your committee, in concluding this report, would urge the churches to take at least one collection a year for the Orphanage. Some of our churches have found the observance of Thanksgiving Day with a suitable programme to be the most successful way of getting a good collection for the Orphanage. We would also urge that the Sunday schools take a regular once-a-month collection for the support of the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. SETZER.

Strong appeals were made in behalf of the Orphanage by A. W. Setzer and General Manager Kestler. The General Manager in a cool and unanswerable speech emphasized the importance of the denomination schools as against sociological schools and other agencies, declaring that Baptists can not afford to divorce themselves from the denominational schools for any consideration. At the close of these addresses a collection amounting to $19.17 was taken for the Orphanage.

Report on Education was read and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In this age of educational progress it is the duty of every parent to provide for his children the very best school facilities and advantages. This is a duty which parents cannot evade, nor can they rid themselves of this responsibility by trying to shift the burden to some one else. It is the duty of the State to make provision, to a certain extent, for the education of the children within its borders. The Church, too has a mission to fulfill in establishing schools in which moral and religious teaching may be done under the most favorable conditions and surroundings. But above and beyond the duty of the State or the Church is the duty of the parent to see to it that his child shall receive that kind of an education which will best fit and equip for all the duties of life.

By general consent the State has assumed almost exclusive control of the elementary school work. But even in the elementary public schools it is the duty of parents to see that the very best kind of teaching shall be done, and that the teachers shall be men and women of the highest moral character. No sectarian or partisan prejudice should be tolerated or allowed, but the teaching should be such as to develop the highest type of citizenship. It is clearly the duty of parents to see to it that this kind of teaching, both by precept and by example, shall be done in the public schools of the State. This is one of the most important duties which rest upon them as citizens of the State.

Although the State has now entered the field of high school work, yet it is the duty, as well as the privilege, of the Church to establish and maintain high schools that are under the management of consecrated Christian men and women who are, at the same time, skilled and efficient teachers. These schools should do even better work in training the mental faculties than is done in the State high schools, and at the same time give that moral and religious teaching

which the State school cannot give. The duty rests upon the churches of this Association to maintain a school of this kind for the boys and girls who leave home influences and parental guidance. We should make of South Fork Institute such a school as this, a school in which not only the mind is trained but also the conscience is developed. And then it becomes the duty of parents to send their children to this school, regardless of the fact that in the State high schools tuition is free.

The mental development which is secured at Wake Forest, Meredith, and our other denominational colleges is fully as high as that in the State colleges. Besides in our denominational colleges there is that atmosphere of belief in the teachings of the Bible, of the duty of making the most of life and its opportunities, and of the dignity of Christian work and service which is so signally lacking in the State Colleges. The duty rests upon parents to send their children to those colleges which have for their purpose and aim the full development of the mental and spiritual natures both, rather than to those colleges which have for their aim the development of the mental faculties only.

As citizens of the State it is our duty to see to it that the work of the elementary public schools shall be of the most efficient kind. As Baptists it is our duty to support efficient denominational high schools and colleges with our influence, our money, and our patronage; and the highest duty of all is the duty which rests upon us as parents to guard zealously the interests of our children, and to see to it that they get the right kind of an education.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. STALEY.

Report on South Fork Institute by Manager Stringfield was read and adopted.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

We count ourselves fortunate in securing Bro. S. J. Honeycutt as Principal. He came to us with a fine reputation as a Christian gentleman, and with an experience of twelve years. We hope that we may be able to retain him for many years. His wife, an intelligent Christian woman, is quite a factor in our work, in that she lives in the Boys' Dormitory to be their friend.

Mrs. Frank Carpenter has been selected as our teacher of Art. We have found her to be a gentlewoman of no small value to our work. The other teachers, Mrs. Padgett, Miss Peele, and Miss

Stringfield have shown themselves worthy of the confidence and high esteem in which they have been held since they came to us.

Indeed, we are fortunrte in having consecrated godly teachers who are in demand for more pretentious places than South Fork Institute.

Our work is, 1st. To stand for christianity. 2nd. To stand for good morals and good manners. 3rd. To stand for scholarship. What success we are having, only the Lord knows. We are sowing the seed.

50% of our patronage is from Pedobaptist families who seem to be greatly pleased with our work.

Indeed, it can be said truly that but for the high esteem of our Pedobaptist friends our School could barely exist.

We pay our teachers promptly, they do their work joyously, and thus we are happy in the work committed to us by your Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. STRINGFIELD,
General Manager.

Financial Report on South Fork Institute was read by J. Y. Killian who addressed the Association on the finances of the Institute.

REPORT OF H. B. MOORE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

Value placed on entire property of the South Fork Institute at the last Association:—

Girls Dormitory and lot	$ 5,000.00
Main Building and lot	4,300.00
Boys Dormitory and lot	2,500 00
Cottage and lot	700.00
Total	$12,500.00

Outstanding Notes, Due Now:

First National Bank, Gastonia, N. C., Nov. 26, 1909	$ 600.00
J. S. Bridges, Catawba, N. C., demand	600.00
J. M. Bridges, Catawba, N. C., demand	600.00
W. L. Sanders, Catawba, N. C., demand	450.00
Total	$ 2,250.00

Outstanding October 22nd, 1909 ..... $ 3,650.00

We have $15.51 in the treasury October 25th, 1909.

Please remember that we have had to pay out:

For insurance premiums	$ 120.00
For interest	105.25
Total	$ 225.25

In addition to the notes we have had to pay, and we are now due for the accrued interest on notes as follows:

J. S. Bridges, 11 months (to November 1st, 1909)	$ 33.00
J. M. Bridges, 11 months (to November 1st, 1909)	33.00
W. L. Sanders, 20 months (to November 1st, 1909)	18.00
Total	$ 84.00

Insurance:

Amount	Date of Expiration	Property Insured
$2,000.00	March 14, 1911	Main Building
1,000.00	November 13, 1911	Girls Dormitory
1,000.00	November 18, 1911	Girls Dormitory
1,500.00	July 17, 1911	Furniture in Girls Dormitory
1,000.00	August 5, 1911	Boys Dormitory
1,000.00	November 13, 1911	Boys Dormitory
400.00	July 25, 1911	Cottage next Girls Dormitory
200.00	July 25, 1911	Frame Barn
$8,100.00		

All premiums on the above policies have been paid, and receipts given therefor.

H. B. MOORE, Treasurer

Pledges made by churches		$ 1,187.50
Pledges made by Individuals		2,403.90
Total		$ 3,591.40
Pledges paid by churches	$ 377.12	
Pledges paid by individuals	1,193.00	$ 1,570.12
Balance yet due, October 25, 1909		$ 2,021.28
Paid by Dallas church		100.00
Outstanding today		$ 1,921.28

We trust that most of this will be paid at our Association. It is all due then.

REPORT OF H. B. MOORE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE.

Outstanding notes as reported to Association at Gastonia, 1908:

First National, Gastonia, N. C.	$ 1,800.00
First National, Hickory, N. C.	200.00
W. L. Sanders	450.00
J. S. Bridges	600.00
J. M. Bridges	600.00
Total	$ 3,650.00

Notes paid since October, 1908:

First National Bank, Gastonia	$ 1,200.00	
First National Bank, Hickory	200.00	1,400.00
Balance due October 25, 1909		$ 2,250.00

Interest due W. L. Sanders since March 2, 1908.
Interest due J. S. Bridges since January 1, 1909.
Interest due J. M. Bridges since January 1, 1909

Pledges due on South Fork Institute made at Association in October, 1908.

BY INDIVIDUALS:

C. R. Orrender	$ 25.00	W. C. Mullen	10.00
J. M. Ballard	10.00	J. D. Moose	15.00
A. G. Bumgarner	5.00	C. M. Moore	50.00
W. M. Caldwell	5.00	H. B. Moore	45.00
A. Chandler	4.00	M. J. Moore	80.00
C. F. Felmet	5.00	Mrs. M. Morrow	25.00
L. F. Groves	15.00	Dicy Raney	5.00
R. B. Harrill	3.00	O. L. Stringfield	50.00
Joe Hancock	5.00	A. W. Setzer	10.00
L. L. Jenkins	300.00	E. S. Tritt	5.00
R. S. Lewis	25.00	J. L. Vipperman	25.00
J. R. Lewis	30.00	Rev. J. A. Hoyle	10.00
A. L. McGinnis	5.00	J. D. Elliott	443.90

Total	$1,210.90
Cash paid in	1,193.00
Total	$2,403.90

Pledges due on South Fork Institute made October, 1908:

CHURCHES:

Alexis	$ 10.00	Maiden	5.00
Bethel	10.00	Mountain Grove	15.00
Bruington	10.00	Mount Holly	5.00
Brookford	5.00	Newton	40.00
Dallas	100.00	Piney Grove	10.00
First Gastonia	137.38	Penelope	10.00
First Hickory	230.00	Riverview	15.00
High Shoals	20.00	Reepsville	5.00
Kids Chapel	70.00	Sandy Plains	5.00
Lincolnton	43.00	Salem	10.00
Lowell	25.00	Thessalonica	5.00
Loray	10.00	West Hickory	10.00
Lawing's Chapel	5.00		

Total	$ 810.38
Cash paid in	377.12
Total	$1,187.50

To the Brethren of the South Fork Association:

As you are aware, I submit annually to the Board of Trustees during commencement week, at Maiden, a report showing in detail the receipts and disbursements of the twelve months previous.

The report to the South Fork Association in October of each year must, therefore, be general in character. My particular part of the work is, of course, the FINANCIAL part. The year has been one of surprises—both encouraging and disappointing.

In paying pledges, churches and individuals have apparently forgotten a general understanding we had at the time the pledges were made last October. The understanding was that whenever a pledge was paid during the year—interest would be added at the rate of six per cent since November 1, 1908, so that we could in that way take care of the interest accruing on our notes. As you will discover, very few have complied with that understanding, and it is our earnest hope and prayer that a special cash collection be taken at the present session to help make up for accrued interest. If you will refer to the records of our last Association, you will see that the pledges only equaled the outstanding notes, and did not include insurance premiums and accrued interest. Some of the churches and individuals have paid nothing—others have paid part, and some have paid ALL. Can

we not pay all by December 1st and wipe out our entire indebtedness?

I have sandwiched the work on the books of South Fork Institute in between a multitude of other public and private business matters. But the balance of the debt, and the slowness of the response of some of the churches and individuals has worried me, and made me sometimes wonder if it would not be wiser to select a more capable man to fill the important position—one who could give more time to it. It is with sincere regret that I find it unwise to leave my work just at this time. It is delightful to be able to mingle with my brethren, for whom I have an abiding, christian love, and with whom I am glad to work and suffer in the cause of our Master who gave His life freely that we might have eternal life, and finally be enabled to enter through the gate into the city whose builder and maker is God.

H. B. MOORE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion 12:30 o'clock was made the hour for dinner recess.

The excellent addresses on the work of South Fork Institute by O. L. Stringfield, S. J. Honeycutt and W. H. Reddish brought out the fact that the institution is growing in equipment, teaching efficiency, enrollment and popularity. Powerful pleas were made for the loyalty and patronage of all Baptists in the entire Association for this institution of learning which has for its motto the training of the heart as well as the mind.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

The following chairmen of committees were appointed for next year:

Aged Ministers' Relief—C. E. Beaver.
Associational Missions—W. A. Graham.
State Missions—J. D. Moose.
Foreign Missions—A. W. Setzer.
Home Missions—J. A. Hoyle.
Sunday Schools—J. Y. Killian.
Orphanage—Thos. J. Ramsaur.
Education—R. D. Carroll.

Obituaries—L. A. Abernethy.
Dinner Intermission to 1:30 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by S. W. Bennett.
Report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To know the Bible is to know God. To know God is eternal life. To teach the word of God is to redeem the world. This is the consummation of time and eternity.

Therefore let us bend our energies more systematically and more intelligently and more prayerfully toward the improvement of our Sunday Schools, the great agent for instructing the human family in the Bible.

Your committee recommends:

1. The appointment of a committee of three, one from Gaston county, one from Lincoln county, and one from Catawba county, which shall co-operate with the State Sunday School Secretary.
2. The re-establishment of the Sunday School Convention or the Sunday School Institute.
3. One collection each year from each church for Sunday School Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. HONEYCUTT.

Forceful addresses on Sunday Schools were made by State Secretary E. L. Middleton, and S. J. Honeycutt.

Mrs. Thos J. Ramsaur, Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Union for the Association, being present, the Moderator announced that she would be glad to advise with any lady present relative to organizing Missionary Societies at the various churches not already organized.

E. A. Poe, of Catawba River Association was recognized by the Moderator.

The Report on State Missions by S. W. Bennett was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In addressing ourselves to the subject of State Missions, I feel that we are approaching a theme of the most vital interest to every Baptist of North Carolina. It is a problem in which is involved the present and future interest of every home and every individual in our State. Not only is this true, but the whole world beyond our borders is to be vitally effected by our faithfulness or our unfaithfulness to ourselves. As a state we do not live to ourselves, nor do we die to ourselves.

To my mind the Baptists of the various states of our union constitute but so many stately pillars, upon which rests our Lord's Kingdom in our country; and each county in our state, representing the pillars upon which rests our Lord's Kingdom in our state. These thoughts suggest the importance of looking well to our premise, to our foundation in our home state. And as we glance at our foundation, we find many counties which need strengthening, and, on our eastern borders we find twenty counties in sore need. These counties, blighted as they are, should constitute the clarion call to the Baptists of our state, that should meet with a unanimous response. Think of one-fifth of North Carolina's area constituting less than one twenty-fifth of our Baptist constituency.

Brethren, should we not unanimously look to the East? pray with our faces to the East? that the Son of Righteousness might rise there in His unclouded glory, and make this spiritual desert to blossom as the rose.

As we behold our Eastern border with her wounds, bruises and putrifying sores, which have not been bound up, neither modified, do we not feel like taking up again that lamentable cry: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there; then why is the health of the daughters of my people not restored?" These are our people. Have we the balm? Then what is our responsibility.

Brethren, so great are the afflictions in this section referred to, that the eyes of our State are turned in that direction; the sympathy of our brotherhood is flowing that way. Our weak and struggling brethren and churches, there, are looking to the hills whence they expect help. Shall we deny them? They are stretching out their hands towards us. Shall we ignore them? "He that seeth his brother in need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion against him, how dwelleth the love of God in such an one?"

Our first duty is to our individual homes; our second duty is to our own State.

The strongest churches in our State were once nourished by our Board of State Missions. Many other churches, to-day weak, will

become strong with the same help. The cry on our mission fields to-day is for men. Strong men, consecrated men, paid men—men untrammeled by temporal questions—to labor wholly in our Lord's North Carolina vineyard. It is only when our home stakes are strongest, that we ourselves are safest, and that we are able to lengthen our cords to their utmost capacity.

Brethren, let us, whatever else we do, seek to supply the great need, to prove equal to the great emergency at our own doors. North Carolina has to-day 212,879 white Baptists. With such an army what victories should we be able to win for our Lord.

The unconverted souls of our State are reckoned at 1,146,831. What a supply of material at our hands.

Our North Carolina Missionaries numbered last year 148 and by these were baptized last year 2047 persons.

The amount given for State Missions last year per member was 18¼ cents. This is the embarrassing point of our report.

The amount pledged by our State, to be raised for our own State work this year is $40,000.

We have not yet forgotten our great strain at the closing of last year and how anxious we all were. But we have $1800 more to raise now before our State Convention than we had in the same length of time last year.

The writer offers the following resolution. That every Pastor of our Association, take one collection, at each of his churches for State Missions, and thus help to relieve our strained situation before the meeting of our Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BENNETT.

Report of Woman's Missionary Union held with Lincolnton church in October was read by the Moderator.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association sends greeting, and prays that God's blessing may rest on this session of the Association.

Our first separate annual meeting was held with the Lincolnton Baptist Church, October 6, 1909.

The members manifested a spirit of deep earnestness and enthusiasm in discussing the subjects we have at heart, Missions, the W. M. U. Training School, and the South Fork Institute.

Our Union, consisting of about twenty Woman's Missionary,

Young Woman's Auxiliary, and Sunbeam Societies, contributed during the past year nearly a thousand dollars, as follows:

Gastonia W. M. S.,	$273.20
Gastonia Y. W. A.,	73.03
Gastonia Sunbeams,	118.16
Hickory W. M. S.,	155.70
Hickory Sunbeams,	114.78
High Shoals Sunbeams	5.50
Kidd's Chapel W. M. S.,	3.50
Lincolnton W. M. S.,	49.55
Lincolnton Y W. A.,	20.00
Lincolnton Sunbeams,	19.50
Loray W. M. S.,	40.00
Maiden W. M. S.,	25.15
Maiden Sunbeams	7.92
Newton Sunbeams	7.79
Newton W. M. S.,	5.00
Olivet Y. W. A.,	12.60
Startown Sunbeams,	3.00
Mrs. J. G. Carrin,	41.00
Total,	$975.38

Helpful suggestions and earnest prayers were made for the coming year, and we went away from the meeting consecrated anew to the Lord's work, taking as our motto, "Let us advance on our knees."

[See Supplement giving Minutes of the W. M. U.]

Report on Associational Missions by W. A. Graham was read and adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The plan of operations in the work of Associational Missions since the organization of the body appears to need no change. The afternoon appointment, followed by the brush arbor, the morning appointment, Sunday School, organization of the Church, with the aid of weak churches in support of Pastor, has given good results.

The territory yet to be occupied includes that along the road from

Lucia to Olivet, in which there is room for four or five churches, and that between the South Fork and the King's Mountain Associations in Lincoln and Gaston counties. If the churches in these counties belonged to the King's Mountain Association, or their pastors would cooperate with our executive committee, churches could be established in this teritory.

In organizing churches at mill points, as in the past, an effort should always be made to get Baptists living on the farms in the neighborhood, or who own property in the towns, to unite with the church. The mill population is somewhat unstable and liable to change residence on short notice. If there are members permanently residing in the vicinity, the organization is not interrupted.

For some years past the attention given to Associated Missions by the churches has been more zealous than formerly. The Foreign Missions and Home Missions received more care and excited more interest. The churches which have been most faithful in Associational work have also been more permanent in work and contributions in other departments.

Not neglecting the work "begun at Jerusalem," they have gone "into Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth." As in all other matters in the Associational work, the draw back is the undeveloped church member.

In the day of rewards he will not shine as a star in anybody's crown. While we are saved by Grace—God's favor—yet we will be rewarded according to what we do to further the Kingdom after we are saved. I do not think a minister will be rewarded according to the number he has baptized but according to the manner in which he has developed those over whom the Holy Spirit has made him an overseer.

If he shall be disposed to expect recognition on account of the number he has baptized, and be disappointed in his reward when he shall recount his baptisms, the question may be asked, "What did those you baptized in the churches of the South Fork Association do for Me? How many attended the services of the church with any regularity? How many were in the Sabbath school? What contributions were made to carry on the work?" In the parable of the talents and that of the pounds, we are taught that the one pound man, the man who never advances in the christian life after his baptism, is a mistaken man, and the day of reckoning is counted with the wicked and receives his reward as such.

How sad will be the condition of him who may be saved as by fire, and his work—many whom he has baptized—burned. If only every one whom the churches have enrolled as members could be persuaded

to be active in the work, there would be a wonderful advance along all lines.

The useless church member, the man with one talent, is like the barren stalk in the corn field, he bears no fruit; but this is not all, like the barren stalk he injures those around him. When the pollen from this stalk falls upon the silk of an ear on a good stalk it produces an ear which will bear a barren stalk. So the influence of the useless christian produces evil, corrupts his associates, and tends to the service of the evil one.

The Master says the christian is like the corn or wheat. First the blade or stalk, then the ear, afterwards the full corn or grain in the ear. Only the grain can be garnered. The stalks which bear no grain are useless.

When the Confederate army invaded Pennsylvania in 1863, there was much straggling—men leaving the ranks and going to the wagon train. The wagon train was under the control of the quarter master. This gang became known as Company Q. It assumed such proportions that Gen. Jeb Stewart issued an order that "The disgraceful organization known as Company Q is disbanded," stating the punishment to be inflicted on those concerned who neglected to obey the order. What the churches need is a disbandment, not of Company Q, but of its satellite, Company U—the useless members.

Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following apportionments were made for this year:

Howe's School House—L. A. Bangle	$ 25.00
Denver—A. W. Setzer	125.00
Piney Grove	25.00
Lincolnton	200.00
Bethel	50.00
Lawings Chapel	20.00
Newton, Startown and Cedar Grove	300.00
Spencer Mountain—J. A. Hoyle	50.00
Total	$795.00

The address on State Missions by State Evangelist W. R. Bradshaw was powerful and convincing. He outlined the

pressing needs of State Missions in a way characteristic of the speaker.

Closing prayer by J. D. Harte. Adjournment to Thursday morning 9:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK.

Devotional services were conducted by G. W. Rollins. Prayer by S. W. Bennett.

Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Number of churches that did not report to this session of the body		6
Number of churches that contributed to State Missions		30
Number of churches that contributed to Home Missions		28
Number of churches that contributed to Foreign Missions		35
Number of churches that contributed to Associational Missions		39
Number of churches that contributed to Sunday School Missions		9
Number of churches that contributed to Orphanage		39
Number of baptisms this year		560
Increase over last year		18
Amount contributed to State Missions this year		$ 462.08
Increase over last year		35.15
Amount contributed to Home Missions		415.37
Increase over last year		58.45
Amount contributed to Foreign Missions this year		930.21
Increase over last year		7.64
Amount contributed to Associational Missions		631.50
Decrease from last year		36.39
Amount contributed to Orphanage		837.72
Increase over last year		14.47
Amount contributed to Sunday School Missions		43.72
Total membership this year	5,321	
Increase over last year	354	
Total contributions this year for all objects		$20,429.77
Increase over last year		2,411.81

W. R. BRADSHAW,
J. D. HARTE.

Pledges from the various churches for Associational Missions for 1910 were taken as follows:

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Alexis	$ 5.00	Lawings Chapel	5.00
Amity	7.50	McAdensville	10.00
Belmont	10.00	Maiden	10.00
Beulah	3.00	Macedonia	10.00
Bethel	7.50	Mountain Grove	12.50
Bruington	3.00	Mount Holly	25.00
Cedar Grove	7.50	Mount Ruhama	10.00
Corinth	10.00	Mountain View	3.50
*Catawba	5.00	Newton	30.00
Dallas	25.00	Olivet	30.00
East Gastonia	35.00	Providence I.	8.00
Faith	5.00	Providence II.	10.00
Gastonia, First	50.00	Penelope	6.00
Hebron	5.00	Sandy Plains	5.00
Hickory, First	50.00	River View	5.00
Hickory Grove	10.00	Startown	15.00
Kidds Chapel	30.00	Thessalonica	8.00
*Leonard's Fork	7.50	Warlick's Chapel	10.00
Lincolnton	20.00	West Hickory	6.00
Long Creek	10.00	Brookford	5.00
Long Shoals	3.00	Mount Zion	10.00
Lowell	10.00	Sharon	7.00
*Lucia	5.00	*Webb's Chapel	5.00
Loray	10.00	Spencer Mountain	5.00
Total			$585.00

*Added to list by Clerk.

Address on Associational Missions by Moderator Graham was very instructive—especially the historical side of it.

A resolution was adopted asking each church of the Association to appoint a committee of one or more to collect Associational Missions.

Brother — — Huffman, 85 years of age, being present, stated as a matter of church history that the first Baptist

church house of the Association was at Spencer Mountain. This was 85 or 90 years ago. He himself while a boy went with others to the Old Long Creek church then being built and now, till recently, thought to be the first church of the Association.

Address on Woman's work was made by W. A. Graham.

Committee on Sunday Schools—S. W. Bennett, S. J. Honeycutt and J. S. Wray.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Jesus said, "Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white unto the harvest." He said also, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

These words of our Master were never more applicable than to the missionary situation of to-day. The world is the field, and the harvest of the nations is ripe for the sickle of truth.

The past year has been crowned with blessings. Our missionaries have baptized 2,905 converts during the year. This statement may be better appreciated if we remember that in 1893 the total enrollment of our churches on the foreign field was 2,923, after forty-eight years of work.

In 1899 we had on the foreign field 82 missionaries and 128 native workers, or in all 210 workers; 100 churches, 57 houses of worship, 845 baptisms were reported for that year, and a total membership in all our Missions of 5,347. The contributions for the work in 1899 were $109,267.

This year we report 231 missionaries, with 375 native workers, a total of 606; 259 churches, 162 houses of worship, 2,905 baptisms, total membership 16,596, receipts $460,797. This comparison cannot bring out the great improvements which have been made on the field in facilities for work, such as hospitals, schools, theological seminaries, publishing houses, etc.

North Carolina with 212,709 Baptists gave last year $35,356, an average of 16 cents per member.

The South Fork Association with 4,838 members gave $2,116, an average of 42 cents per member. Our average per member was two and one half times larger than the average throughout the state at large, yet our average sounds pitiably small when we remember that

our people live in comfort, many of them in luxury, and some are blessed with large means.

We believe that the solution of the missionary problem in our churches depends on two things, namely: Pastors who are in sympathy with the work, and who really lead their people; and secondly, the education of our people in missions through the Woman's Work, and Mission Study classes.

We urge, therefore, that every pastor cooperate with our Associational Vice-President, Mrs. Beeler Moore, in organizing and prosecuting the Woman's Work in every church within our bounds. There are now 17 missionaries from our State on the foreign field. Ought there not to be 100 young men and women among the 212,000 Baptists of our State who are willing to carry the glorious gospel of the ever blessed God to nations of the earth?

J. D. HARTE.

Strong and convincing addresses on Foreign Missions were made by J. D. Harte and W. H. Reddish.

Report on Old Ministers' Relief was read and adopted.

REPORT ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

God in His infinite wisdom has called men to preach His own everlasting gospel. Many in our State have labored as long as their strength will permit. Their old age and infirmities have caused them to give up this much loved work. They have hazarded their life for the gospel's sake. Many of them are depending largely upon the contribution for their support. In the first Epistle of John 3:17, "But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

We earnestly ask that each church take at least one collection during the year for this work.

C. E. BEAVER,
H. B. CHRONISTER,
A. P. BAUMGARDNER.

Addresses on the report were made by E. L. Middleton, J. D. Harte and R. L. Sigmon.

Report of Committee on Time and Place was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

We your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to say that the

next Association will meet with Mount Zion church on Tuesday before the last Sunday in October, 1910.

Rev. A. W Setzer to preach introductory sermon. R. D. Carroll alternate.

J. R. UNDERWOOD,
W. S. KIDD,
R. P. HAVENER.

Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention, is located in Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary.

Its field is the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, including half of the Island of Cuba. Last year the Board aided 961 Missionaries and workers, and supplied 2630 churches and stations. These Missionaries reported 25,109 baptisms, and the total additions to mission churches was 47,808. Southern Baptists raised for Home Missions last year $283,436.

The work of the Board, this year, is projected on a basis of $343,500, an increase over last year of $160,064. In 1904 the contributions to the Board were only $127,850. In six years the gifts to the Board have more than doubled. In 1904, the Board reported 7,526 baptisms. More than three times that many baptisms were reported last year, or 25,109. Since 1904 the annual report of churches organized has advanced from 157 to 338 and of total additions to churches from 16,796 to 47,808. As a denomination, it pays us to put large gifts into our Home Mission work, for it returns to us splendid results.

There are 90,000,000 people in the United States. 20,000,000 of which are members of evangelical denominations. Of the remaining 70,000,000, 12,000,000 belong to the Catholics and other sects.

About one third of the area of the United States, and one third of the population are in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Baptists of the South have in their churches nearly one half of the evangelical church membership in their territory. On them, as on no other people, falls the obligation to save the lost in their territory.

In the southern mountains, at a cost to our people at large of only about $5 for each student, our Board last year conducted mission schools in which 4,316 mountain boys and girls were educated. In the Southwest great gains came to Southern Baptists through home

mission endeavor. Home Board work in this department cost about $70,000 and there were in it 33,000 additions to mission churches. The State Boards had a large share in this work, but the results are none the less gratifying.

North Carolina is asked to raise this year for Home Missions, $21,000. Our people need information, and we recommend that each church get up a club of subscribers for the Home Field, the very admirable monthly magazine published by the Board, and that our pastors distribute other helps that will inform our people about the work of the Board, and that they preach more frequently to their churches on Home Missions, and take collections for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CARROLL.

Report of Obituary Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

The great reaper, death, whose business it is to be continually thinning out the ranks of men, has not passed by the brotherhood of our Association. Among those on whom he has laid his icy fingers and conveyed across the river to the celestial city is sister Graham, wife of our beloved Moderator. Sister Graham was Miss Julia Lane of Virginia. She met and won the heart of Bro. Graham while he was serving as a young officer in the Southern army. She has been a help-meet to him in the truest sense of the word during all these long years. She has filled the honored position of wife and mother in the noblest manner, and her whole life has been the very highest type of noble Christian womanhood. She was ever ready to extend the helping hand to those in need, or to speak the words of consolation or encouragement to the down hearted or distressed. By her noble and unselfish life she has won the love and admiration of all with whom she came in contact.

Brother J. W. Kirksey, an old and faithful member of Long Creek church, has passed over to his reward since our last meeting.

Brother Charles Sigmon of Bethel church died during the summer. He had been a Baptist two or three years, but was a young man of much promise in the work.

J. Y. Killian addressed the Association on the necessity of a concerted Laymens' Movement. On motion, his plan was adopted—to appoint three laymen for the Association whose duty it will be to appoint three for each church and thoroughly organize the work throughout the Association.

Laymen Committee appointed for Association—J. Y. Killian, H. B. Moore and J. D. Elliott. This committee also represents the Association at the State Convention of the Laymens' Movement.

Report of Special Committee for South Fork Institute was read and adopted. Funds on hand reported by R. D. Carroll, $244.35. W. H. Reddish was instructed to carry this amount to Treasurer Beeler Moore.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to have Minutes printed and retain $10 for his services.

On motion of J. D. Harte the thanks of the Association was voted to the entire church and community for their kindness and unbounded hospitality to the Association.

After singing "How Firm a Foundation," and prayer by W. H. Reddish, the Association adjourned to meet with Mount Zion Church on Tuesday before the last Sunday in October, 1910.

R. L. SIGMON, Clerk.

SUPPLEMENT

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association.

The first separate annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of South Fork Association was held with Lincolnton Baptist church, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, October 6, 1909, Mrs. Beeler Moore presiding.

After singing, scripture reading by Mrs. Ramsaur, and prayer by Mrs. Padgett, a most cordial welcome was extended in behalf of the Lincolnton church by Mrs. McLean, and all the visitors heartily concurred in the response so happily made by Mrs. John Moore, of Gastonia.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:—

Gastonia W. M. S., Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Allgood.

Gastonia Y. W. A., Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Reddish, Miss Kate Padgett.

Gastonia Sunbeams, Mrs. Clifford.

Hickory W. M. S., Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. Bradshaw.

Hickory Sunbeams, Mrs. Harte.

Loray, Not represented.

Lowell, Not represented.

Lincolnton W. M. S., Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Ramsaur.

Lincolnton Y. W. A., Mrs. Bennett.

Lincolnton Sunbeams, Mrs. Bridges, Miss Lottie Hilderbrand.

Maiden W. M. S., Miss Stringfield, Miss Jennie Whisnant.

Maiden Sunbeams, Miss Jennie Whisnant.

Newton W. M. S. Mrs. Carroll.

Newton Sunbeams, Mrs. Carroll.

Kid's Chapel, W. M. S., Miss Graham.

Startown Sunbeams, Mrs. W. L. Killian.

High Shoals Sunbeams, Miss Chronister.

Olivet Y. W. A., Miss Lula Ervin, Miss Beale.

An address on "service," full of inspiration, was given by our President.

The subject of State Missions was presented by Mrs. Padgett, and was discussed by Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. Beeler Moore, Mrs. Harte, and Mrs. Bridges.

The report on Home Missions was made by Mrs. Sigmon, and was followed by a letter from Dr. Gray, read by our President. The observance of "Prayer Week" was discussed by Mrs. Ramsaur, Mrs. Reddish, Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Gwaltney.

A most earnest plea for Foreign Missions was made by Mrs. Ramsaur. Helpful words were said by Mrs. Beeler Moore, and Mrs. Reddish gave an interesting account of the New Year meeting of the Gastonia Y. W. A.

The W. M. U. Training School was discussed by Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Beeler Moore, and Mrs. Reddish.

South Fork Institute was given a place on the programme, because Christian culture is justly considered as lying at the very foundation of all missionary effort, and because it is hoped that our school will mean very much to our Association in the way of training the future missionary workers of its churches.

A hopeful, helpful letter from Miss Heck was read by Mrs. Gwaltney.

The afternoon session was begun by singing "Take Time to Be Holy." Scripture reading by Miss Stringfield was followed by prayer by Mrs. Reddish.

Reports from the societies represented were then read.

Papers describing "Why we organized, what we are doing, and our outlook for the future" were read by Misses Kate and Myrtle Padgett and Mrs. Reddish, representing the Y. W. A., and by Mrs. J. D. Harte, representing the Sunbeams.

Sunbeams from Newton and from Lincolnton gave reports and readings. The Sunbeam work was discussed by Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Bridges, and Mrs. Harte.

Our President stated that some of the churches have recently organized bands of Royal Ambassadors.

Mission Study classes were discussed by Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Reddish, and Mrs. Moore.

Officers for this year were announced as follows:—

Mrs. Beeler Moore, President; Mrs. Thomas Ramsaur, First Vice-President; Mrs. J. D. Harte, Second Vice-President.

Central Committee:—Mrs. B. Moore, Mrs. Reddish, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Ramsaur, Mrs. Harte, and Mrs. E. G. Padgett.

The song, "Just for Today," was beautifully rendered by the President.

Mrs. Gwaltney, Mrs. Sigmon, Miss Finch, and Mrs. Moore took part in a helpful discussion of "What should we do and how can we do it."

The question of having separate minutes was discussed, but it was decided best to have them included in the Associational minutes.

Mrs. Reddish suggested that missionary institutes be held with such churches as request it. After remarks by Mrs. Bridges, Mrs. Sigmon, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Ramsaur, the plan was adopted.

Mrs. Reddish, for the Committee on Time and Place, announced that the next meeting would be held with the Maiden church, on the first Tuesday in October, 1910.

Mrs. Gwaltney, for the Committee on Obituaries, reported three deaths in our Union since our last meeting. These were, Mrs. Brawley, a valued member of the Gastonia W. M. S., and Lala and Edna Cook, two dear little Sunbeams of the Maiden church, and grandchildren of Rev. E. S. Whisnant.

Mrs. Bradshaw gave, as the motto for the coming year, "Let us go forward on our knees."

The first meeting closed with a helpful missionary sermon at 7 p. m. by Rev. S. W. Bennett.

MRS. E. G. PADGETT, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Gastonia W. M. S.,	$273.20
Gastonia Y. W. A.,	73.03
Gastonia Sunbeams,	118.16
Hickory W. M. S.,	155.70
Hickory Sunbeams,	114.78
High Shoals Sunbeams,	5.50
Kid's Chapel W. M. S.,	3.50
Lincolnton W. M. S.,	49.55
Lincolnton Y. W. A.,	20.00
Lincolnton Sunbeams,	19.50
Loray W. M. S.,	40.00

Maiden W. M. S.,	25.15
Maiden Sunbeams,	7.92
Newton W. M. S.,	5.00
Newton Sunbeams,	7.79
Olivet Y. W. A.,	12.60
Startown Sunbeams,	3.00
Mrs. J. G. Carrier	41.00
Total	$975.38

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God to the ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective churches, each church entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five. The pastors of the churches in the Association shall be recognized as delegates.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association, shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Tuesday before the last Sabbath in October, at 1 p. m. The Introductory sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The Committees of this Association shall be Finance, State Missions, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, Orphanage, Periodicals, Ministerial Students, Obituaries, Sunday Schools, Auxiliary, Place and Preacher, Old Ministers' Relief, Church Letters, and such special Committees as may be deemed necessary.

4. The hour for business shall be—Meet at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

6. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

7. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION (1881).

Resolved, First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, Second, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe the rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886).

CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH FORK BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

1. NAME—The name of this organization shall be South Fork Sunday School Association.

2. MEMBERSHIP—All pastors of Baptist Churches and Superintendents of Baptist Sunday Schools within the territory occupied by the South Fork Association shall be considered ex officio members of this Association. Such other persons as may be elected to represent Baptist Sunday Schools shall be members, provided no Sunday School shall be entitled to more than ten representatives in this Association.

3. PURPOSE—It shall be the purpose of this gathering to stimulate Sunday School work within the territory occupied by the Association, but it shall not engage in colportage work, general mission work, or in any other line of work engaged in by the South Fork Association.

4. OFFICERS—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers are to be elected near the close of each annual session, their duties to be those usually devolving upon such officers.

5. MEETINGS—The time of each Annual Meeting shall be the last Tuesday in July of each year, and the place of meeting shall be decided by vote of Executive Committee.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—The Executive Committee shall be composed of the above named officers.

7. AMENDMENT—This constitution may be changed at any session of the Association by a majority vote of the members present at that session.

SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION—STATISTICAL TABLE FOR 1909.

CHURCHES	Constituted	ADDITIONS				DIMINUTIONS				MEMBERSHIP			SUN. SCHOOL			CH. PROP'RTY	
		Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total	Seating Capacity	Value
Alexis	1903	12	4		16	1		1	2	42	34	76	8	125	133	300	$1200
Amity	1905	16			16	4			4	33	31	64					
Belmont	1874	4	5		9			1	1	36	60	96	7	35	42	300	000
Beulah	1905	4	1		5					10	13	23	8	98	106	250	400
Bethel	1895	1	2		3			3	3	26	46	72	6	60	66		
Bruington	1853	2	3		5	9		2	11	24	27	51	6	35	41	400	1500
Brookford	1907	1	6		7	6		1	7	24	45	69	8	130	138	350	1500
Cedar Grove	1902	6	2		8	3			3	7	16	23				350	1000
Corinth	1856	12	1		13	1	1	1	3	45	65	110	9	115	124	500	1000
Catawba	1875	2	3		5	7			7	23	21	44					
Dallas	1879	1	4		5	5	1	1	7	48	48	96	7	75	82	400	2500
East Gastonia	1901	17	27		44	31	9	2	41	110	207	317	13	175	188	600	3000
Faith	1906	2	2		4			1	1	14	13	27	4	40	44	300	800
Gastonia, First	1884	7	25	3	35	30	4	5	39	102	176	278	18	197	215	600	25000
Hebron	1883	4	4	1	9	4	2	3	9	32	60	92	9	51	60		
Hickory, First	1870	21	20	4	45	14	3	6	23	86	169	255	20	201	221	700	15000
Hickory Grove	1873	27	7	1	35	8	1	1	10	96	106	202	10	102	112	400	2000
High Shoals	1902	7	23	3	33	22	1		23	44	75	119	9	170	179	500	1400
Kid's Chapel	1872	2	1	3	6	8		2	10	41	64	105	7	50	57	300	800
Leonard's Fork	1882	7	7	1	15	2		1	3	30	54	84					
Lincolnton	1859	1	24		25	17	2	1	20	92	133	225	10	140	150	300	8000
Long Creek	1872	39	7		46	5	3	2	10	72	109	181	6	70	76	500	2000
Long Shoals	1901	9	6		15		3	1	4	27	36	63	8	75	38		
Lowell	1892	7	3	4	14	7	25	2	34	42	83	125	12	95	107	400	1200
Lucia*	1903																
Loray	1905	144	102		246	39	8	1	48			317	15	398	413	800	4200
Lawing's Chapel	1907	15	18		33	1			1	43	37	80	8	96	104	300	1000
Macedonia*	1869																
McAdenville	1887	32	9	6	47	12	13	4	29	74	141	215	14	230	244	400	1000
Maiden	1891	21	4	1	26	16			16	92	102	194	12	96	108		
Mountain Grove	1881									25	34	59	7	30	37	350	500
Mount Holly	1890	16	13	1	30	9	3	3	15	35	67	102	16	131	147	500	1500
Mount Ruhama	1816	8		1	9	2	1	1	4	102	149	251	14	127	141	400	500
Mountain View	1853					2			2	25	30	55				350	850
Mount Zion	1869	18	4	1	23	19	9	5	33	89	143	232	3	40	43	300	500
Newton	1882	13	15		28	12	1	2	15	42	92	134	11	108	119	350	3500
Olivet	1833	10	7		17	9	2	1	12	71	120	191	8	145	153	300	1200
Piney Grove	1904	3			3	6	2		8	19	28	47	7	60	67	400	500
Providence I *	1852																
Providence II	1878	8	5	2	15		2		2	34	47	81	5	35	40	200	500
Penelope	1888	17		3	20	3		1	4	19	18	37	8	120	128	250	1000
Reepsville	1899	3			3	3	3		6	29	47	76	6	50	56	250	500
River View	1897	6			6	4		3	7	58	79	137	10	80	90	400	800
Sandy Plains	1863					1		2	3	50	70	120	7	45	52	600	600
Salem	1847	12	2	3	17	12	1		13	50	75	125	4	50	57	400	600
Sharon	1884	10	1	1	12	6			6	24	15	39	6	67	73	300	300
Startown	1896		2		2					6	15	21					
Spencer Mountain	1909	8	29		37					15	22	37					
Thessalonica	1830	3	1		4	6	2		8	18	36	54					
Warlick's Chapel	1815		1		1	4	3		7	29	77	106	3	42	45		
West Hickory	1907	3	11		14	3			3	18	35	53	9	147	156	300	800
Webb's Chapel	1892									9	13	22					250
		561	411	39	1011	353	70	65	488	2303	3018	5321	358	4136	4494	14600	89900

*Not Represented.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	SUN. OF PR'CHING	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	AUXILIARY COMMITTEE	POST OFFICE
Alexis	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	T. W. Garrison	Alexis	1st Sun.	A. W. Garrison	Alexis	W. H. Abernethy	Alexis
Amity	Lincoln	W. B. McLure	Alexis	W. W. Moore	Ironton	3rd Sun.			P. W. Bangle	Lincolnton
Belmont	Gaston	D. M. Austin	Charlotte	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	4th Sun.	James Leeper	Belmont	Laura Stowe	Belmont
Beulah	Catawba	L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	Wm. Johnson	Henry, Route 3	2nd Sun.	J. A. Costner	Henry, No. 3		
Bethel	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton		W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton	Jessie Mullen	Lincolnton
Bruington	Gaston	I. T. Newton	Blacksburg S C	D. F. Hovis	Stanley	3rd Sun.	Vincent Morris	Stanley	V. O. Morris	Stanley
Brookford	Catawba	J. D. Harte	Hickory	G. F. Foster	Brookford	2 & 4 Sun	J. F Foster	Brookford		
Cedar Grove	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. A. Whitener	Newton	3 & 4 Sun			Lizzie Whitener	Newton
Corinth	Catawba	C. A. Caldwell	Henry	G. W. Hood	Reepsville, R D	2 & 4 Sun	R. P. Heavner	Hickory No. 2	R. A. Abernethy	Plateau
Catawba	Catawba	Not Called		D. L. Wike	Catawba				Pearl Aderholdt	Catawba
Dallas	Gaston	Not Called		J. R. Lewis	Dallas	2 & 4 Sun	A. A. High	Dallas	C. R. Orrender	Dallas
East Gastonia	Gaston	J. J. Beach	Gastonia	C. B. Newton	Gastonia	1 & 3 Sun	S. A. Newton	Gastonia	C. B. Newton	Gastonia
Faith	Lincoln	L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	B. E. Ballard	Ironton	4th Sun.	L. R. Gilleland	Alexis		
Gastonia, First	Gaston	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia	R. A. Froneberger	Gastonia	Ev Sun	W. J. Clifford	Gastonia	Eliza Williams	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	C. T. Thomas	Mount Holly	1st Sun.	T. H. Roberts	Mtn. Island	Bettie Lowe	Mtn. Island
Hickory, First	Catawba	J. D. Harte	Hickory	W. T Sledge	Hickory	Ev. Sun.	J. D. Elliott	Hickory	C. W. Ellington	Hickory
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McLure	Alexis	J. F. Abernethy	Lowell	4th Sun.	M. A. Baldwin	McAdenville	G. P. Abernethy	McAdenville
High Shoals	Gaston	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	E. L. Carpenter	High Shoals	4th Sun.	E. L. Carpenter	High Shoals	S. S. Webb	High Shoals
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	A. W. Setzer	Maiden	W. A. Poole	Ironton	1st Sun.	W. A. Poole	Ironton	Mrs. A. A. Keever	Kidsville
Leonard's Fork	Lincoln	G. W. Rollins	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover	Crouse	2nd Sun.			Miss B. Heafner	Crouse
Lincolnton	Lincoln	S. W. Bennett	Lincolnton	J. F. McKinis	Lincolnton	Ev. Sun.	J. O. Allen	Lincolnton	Mrs. S. W. Bennett	Lincolnton
Long Creek	Gaston	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	A. R. Holland	Dallas	1 & 3 Sun	H. L. Jenkins	Dallas	A. R. Holland	Dallas
Long Shoals	Lincoln	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	W. G. Abernethy	Long Shoals	2nd Sun.	D. L. Abernethy	Long Shoals		
Lowell	Gaston	I. T. Newton	Blacksburg S C	W. F. Huggins	Lowell	1 & 3 Sun	J. W. Hansel	Lowell	J. E. Hendrick	Lowell
Lucia	Gaston	Not Called		W. B. McIntosh	Stanley					
Loray	Gaston	J. D. Moose	Gastonia	C. L. Chandler	Gastonia	Ev. Sun.	C. L. Chandler	Gastonia	Mrs. J. D. Moose	Gastonia
Lawing's Chapel		J. M. Ballard		J. J. Curlee	Lincolnton	1st Sun.	J. A. Hewitt	Lincolnton R.		
Macedonia	Lincoln			N. W. Lawing	Lincolnton	3rd Sun.				
Maiden	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	L. S. Caldwell	Maiden		S. J. Honeycutt	Maiden	Miss J. Whisnant	Maiden
McAdenville	Gaston	J. H. Vipperman	Dallas	M. A. Harwell	McAdenville	1 & 2 Sun	M. A. Harwell	McAdenville	J. T. Stafford	McAdenville
Mountain Grove	Catawba	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	L'fay'tte Huffm'n	Hickory, No. 1	3rd Sun	Cicero Ekart	Hickory	J. B. Rockett	Hickory
Mount Holly	Gaston	D. E. Vipperman	Mount Holly	G. L. Mullis	Mount Holly	1 & 3 Sun	J. W. Bumgarner	Mount Holly	Mrs. J. M. Archie	Mount Holly
Mount Ruhama	Catawba	W. B. McLure	Alexis	T. H. Caldwell	Newton, No. 2	2nd Sun.	M. C. Laney	Maiden	G. W. Caldwell	Newton
Mountain View	Catawba	H. B. Chronister	Maiden	E. Litten	Maiden, R. F. D.	2nd Sun.	W. E. Clarke	Maiden		
Mount Zion	Gaston	C. A. Caldwell	Henry, Route	W. F. McAlister	Alexis	3rd Sun.	W. F. McAlister	Hickory		
Newton	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	P. M. Mull	Newton	1 & 3 Sun	J. F. Hawkins	Newton	Mrs. R. D. Carroll	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. T. Erwin	Catawba, R.D.	2nd Sun.	J. T. Ervin	Catawba Route	Miss Lula Erwin	Catawba R. D.
Piney Grove	Catawba	C. M. Robinson	Hickory	J. W. Barker	Claremont, "	1st Sun.	Lee Setzer	Newton	W. J. Barker	Newton
Providence I	Catawba			C. Hewitt	Claremont					
Providence II	Catawba	C. A. Caldwell	Henry, Route	R. L. Abernethy	Henry	2nd Sun.	George Rhoney	Hickory	J. S. Hoffman	Hayseed
Penelope	Burke	J. A. Rector	Drexel	F. A. Lock	Hickory, R F D	2d & 4th	F. A. Lock	Hickory		
Reepsville	Lincoln	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	H. D. Canipe	Reepsville	3rd Sun.	W. C. Kiser	Reepsville		
River View	Lincoln	C. F. Felmet	Drayton, S. C.	A. L. Cline	Southside	2nd Sun.	A. L. Cline	Southside	Mattie Williams	Southside
Sandy Plains	Gaston	C. F. Felmet	Drayton, S. C.	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia	4th Sun.	N. A. Jenkins	Gastonia		
Salem	Gaston	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	C. F. Clanton	Lincolnton		C. M. Wells	Lincolnton	John Harrill	Lincolnton
Startown	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. Y. Killian	Newton	4th Sun.			Mrs. W. L. Killian	Newton
Sharon	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	L. A. Abernethy	Iron Station	1st Sun.				
Spencer Mountain	Gaston	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	J. F. Lowe	Lowell, R. F. D.	3rd Sun.	John Flowers	Lowell		
Thessalonica	Catawba	Not Called		W. P. Rhoney	Newton					
Warlick's Chapel	Burke	A. W. Setzer	Maiden	A. J. Cook	Hickory	1st Sun.	R. M. Perry	Connelly Sp'gs	A. J. Cook	Hickory
West Hickory	Catawba	J. M. Shaver	Taylorsville	C. O. Deal	Hickory	2nd Sun.	E. W. Humphries	Hickory		
Webb's Chapel	Gaston	J. M. Ballard	Machpelah	C. D. Weaver	Machpelah	3rd Sun.				

CHURCHES	P'stor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Exp'ses	The Poor	As'ciational Miss'ns	State Miss'ns	Home Miss'ns	Foreign Miss'ns	S. S. Miss'ns	Orph'n'ge	C'll'ges and Schools	Ministerial Ed.	Old Min's'r Relief	Other Objects	Totals	Benevolent Contributions per Capita
Alexis	$ 75.	$	$ 15.	$ 10.	$	$ 7.78	$ 2.	$	$ 2.	$	$ 12.07	$ 10.	$	$ 1.	$ 45.	$ 179.85	$ 1.05
Amity		60.				1.	1.00	1.	3.95		1.40				5.	73.35	20
Belmont	123.		25.	6.23		5.	6.33	4.	3.		8.60	15.				196.16	44
Beulah	40.			13.06				1.	1.		1.					56.06	13
Bethel			5.			5.										10.00	07
Bruington			31.35			1.60			6.85		6.06	5.				50.86	38
Brookford		754.	1.00	44.79	5.50											805.29	08
Cedar Grove	25.		1.00									10.				36.00	43
Corinth	150.					10.00	10.	5.	5.		5.	5.		2.15		192.15	38
Catawba	100.	100.									2.					202.00	05
Dallas	450.	50.45			32.00	50.					5.	5.	15.			607.45	1 11
East Gastonia	500.		299.17	65.01	5.00	25.	10.	10.	53 11		48.59	100.	2.46		22.50	1,140.84	87
Faith			33.	3.		4.45			50							40.95	18
Gastonia, First	1200.		146.48	187.	16.50	151.11	173.21	132.07	371 01	15.	234.69	266.52	35.92	21.76	1,118.29	4,069.56	9 12
Hebron	100.	84.20	7.70	47.18		5.			5 85		5.					254.93	17
Hickory, First	1200.	1224.13	593.71	170.74	85.47	30.05	115.66	102.72	217.53		231.33	910.	14 18	33.	249 25	5,177.77	7.76
Hickory Grove	155.	16.40	31.23	13.00	6.	10.	14.	10.	30.		8.	10.				303.63	44
High Shoals	180.		7.50	27.28	12.00	8.	8.	10.	6.70		15.25	20.			70.	364.73	1.26
Kid's Chapel	125.		7.30	4.30		28.75	12.50	3.50	9.46		25.		2 80	2.	9.35	229.96	89
Leonard's Fork	75.		17.			12.			3.		8.46	25.				140.46	58
Lincolnton	406.61		61.52	73.95	7.00	75	34.20	47.75	64.40		53.42	213.25	13.02	5.42	980.46	2,036.00	6.64
Long Creek	125.	53.		19.65	5.00	12.	3.17	2.05	2 45		3.82					226.14	16
Long Shoals	50.		12.	8.00		1.	2.		1.		1.					75.00	08
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Macedonia*																	
Maiden	100.	50.	20.	15.07		25.	4.				2.			2.	1.60	219.67	18
McAdenville	275.	46.	46.85	70.22	32.60	14.15	14.15	14.15	25.50	5.	10.	5.			75.25	633.87	91
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Mount Zion	100.		22.			10.	3.38	5.	3.89		3.	3.				150.27	20
Newton	200.	3.	41.75	41.75	5.00	30.	6.	14.28	4.55	5.	40.41	42.25	3.	2.	38 24	477.23	1.42
Olivet	200.	25.	10.	40.65		25.	15.	12.	15.	4.57	27.45	51.80	1.	1.		428.47	80
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Warlick's Chapel	125.		10.	2.	5.	10.	3.50	2.	3.		6.80		2.	2.		171.30	32
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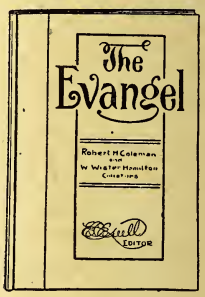

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The Association is not to meet in the same section two years in succession.

PROCEEDINGS

First Day—Tuesday.

The South Fork Baptist Association met in its 32nd Annual Session with Mt. Zion Church, Gaston County, at 1 o'clock p. m., Tuesday October 25th, 1910.

In the absence of W. A. Graham, the Moderator of last session, R. D. Carroll, Vice-Moderator, read a selection of scripture and called upon J. L. Shinn to lead in prayer. At the conclusion of devotional exercises, the Association was called to order by the Vice-Moderator.

The Clerk of last session being absent, Osborne Brown was appointed temporary Clerk.

The roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

ALEXIS—E. V. Senter, T. W. Garrison, C. A. Lineberger.
AMITY—(Not represented.)
BELMONT—J. P. Stowe.
BEULAH—(Letter.)
BETHEL—W. C. Mullen, E. M. Hull.
BRUINGTON—T. S. Hovis, A. C. Taylor.
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CEDAR GROVE—H. L. Bost, Jas. Whitener.
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EAST GASTONIA—S. L. Stroupe, Pinkney Clanton, J. A. Speagle, J. J. Beach.
FAITH—J. R. Hilderman, Baxter Jones.
GASTONIA, 1ST—H. B. Moore, W. L. Smith, W. H. Reddish.
HEBRON—J. W. Ward.
HICKORY, 1ST—J. F. Click, W. R. Bradshaw.
HICKORY GROVE—W. W. Rimmer, J. W. Rankin, W. T. Rankin, Lee Abernethy, Hester Abernethy.

HIGH SHOALS—J. E. Chronister, W. W. Hartgrove.

KIDD'S CHAPEL—R. P. Asbury, Jos. Graham, W. S. Kids, Wm. H. Lowe, A. W. Setzer, W. A. Graham.

LEONARD'S FORK— J. W. Hoover.

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LOWELL—Arthur Clement, W. F. Huggins.

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LORAY—J. A. Funderburk, E. C. Fisher, S. L. Wince, J. E. Campbell.

LAWING'S CHAPEL—Geo. Huitt, Will Long.

MACEDONIA—Walter Potts, Frank Goodson.

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MAIDEN—H. B. Chronister, Isaac Williams, J. H. Deal, J. A. Hoyle.

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MT. HOLLY—Geo. L. Mullis, R. L. Smith, D. E. Vipperman.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW—Joseph Dellinger, E. Litten.

MT. ZION—J. F. Helderman, L. S. Hager, L. G. McClure, E. P. Cloninger, J. M. Cline.

NEWTON—R. D. Carroll, C. D. Drum, A. M. Harrell.

OLIVET—A. L. Ervin, Osborne Brown.

PINEY GROVE—J. H. Jones.

PROVIDENCE I—(Not Represented.)

PROVIDENCE II—W. F. Huffman, J. T. Brittain.

PENELOPE—I. M. Hildebrand.

REEPSVILLE—L. A. Bangle.

RIVER VIEW—W. H. Caldwell, Plato Hicks.

SANDY PLAINS—D. B. Harwell, J. B. C. Ford.

SALEM—J. B. Harrell, B. F. Rogers.

SHARON—D. F. Dellinger.

STARTOWN—(Letter.)

SPENCER MOUNTAIN—J. M. Ballard.

THESSOLONICA—Lee Ramseur.

WARLICK'S CHAPEL—A. J. Cook.

WEST HICKORY—J. W. Griffin.

WEBB'S CHAPEL—(Not Represented.)

The Association elected officers as follows: Moderator, Osborne Brown; Vice-Moderator, R. D. Carroll; Clerk. A. W. Setzer; Treasurer, W.C. Mullen.

The Association took a recess of 10 minutes, and on re-assembling, the Introductory Sermon was preached by A.W. Setzer. Text: I Peter 2:7. Theme; "The Precious Christ."

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

FINANCE—Thos. J. Ramseur, W. P. Stowe, Wm. H. Lowe.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—H. B Moore, J. J. Beach, C. A. Caldwell.

Petitionary letters were received from Maysworth and Lincolnton Avenue Baptist churches and the following committee was appointed to examine Covenants and Articles of Faith and report on same: W. H. Reddish, S. W. Bennette, G. W. Rollins

The Committee on Order of Business made a partial report as follows:

WEDNESDAY

Meet at 9:30 a. m. for devotional exercises.
10:00 a. m.--Periodicals.
10:30 a. m.---Associational Missions.
11:15 a. m.---State Missions.

Report Adopted.

On motion of R. D. Carroll reading the letters and appointment of Committee on Digest of same was dispensed with.

The Moderator recognized the following brethren and welcomed them to seats in the body: Rev. I. T. Newton, King's Mountain Association; Rev. A. L. Betts, Agent Biblical Recorder.

The Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Zion Church were appointed a Committee on Devotionl Exercises.

On motion of J. J. Beach the Committee on Order of Business was instructed to prepare a report to extend till 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. All delegates being urged to remain until that time.

The Association adjourned with benediction by W. H. Reddish.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY.

Morning Session.

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. P. Abernethy.

Minutes of Yesterday's proceedings were read, corrected and approved.

Archibald Johnson, representing the Orphanage, was recognized and welcomed by the Moderator.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters made report as follows:

We have examined the Articles of Faith and Church Covenants of Mayaworth and Lincolnton Avenue churches and find them orthodox.

W. H. Reddish
S. W. Bennette } COMMITTEE
G. W. Rollins

On motion the report was adopted and the churches received as members of the South Fork Association, the hand of fellowship being given the delegates by the Moderator.

J. J. Beach read the report on Periodicals as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Each department of our work is represented by a good paper published especially in its interest. The "Journal" for foreign missions; the "Home Field" for home missions; "Charity and Children" for the Orphanage; and our Southern Baptist Sunday School Works. Each of these are deserving of a high place in our esteem and support, but the Biblical Recorder stands in a position, to North Carolina Baptists, different to all others because it belongs to us and we have chosen it to represent our work in general.

The Baptist churches of the State through their representatives direct its policy and so the paper is what we as a whole people make it.

Your Committee thinks that the claims of the Biblical Record-

er are on an equality with the other objects and should be presented from the pulpit just as we do missions and orphanage, etc,

We believe that every church should have "Recorder Day" once every year and have the claims of our paper presented to the people.

We reccomend that hereafter this report be Report on Biblical Recorder, inasmuch as the proper time to discuss other periodicals is while discussing the subject they represent.

Let us rally to the support of our organ and stop only when we have reached our ideal, which is, "A Biblical Recorder in every home in North Carolina where there is a Baptist."

J. J. BEACH.

After being discussed by J. J. Beach, A. L. Betts, Archibald Johnson and W. A. Graham, the report was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Obituaries: J. F. Click, Calvin Baker, W. F. Huggins.

On motion the report on General Education was substituted for Associational Missions in the order of business.

R. D. Carroll presented the report on General Education as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Baptists are stalwart friends of education. Their very polity, the purest form of democracy, imposes a general distribution of personal responsibility in matters of gravest moment, and emphasizes the value of schools and colleges as efficient sources of equipment.

It would seem to be self-evident that one should not lack the education necessary to render him a useful member of society; it would seem to be equally self-evident that the form and degree of mental equipment, for the individual should be measured only by the supreme object---namely: The very highest and best expression of the individual life fulfilling a mission of service. All true education is, therefore, essentially practical. This is confirmed by "the logic of events," skilled manufacturers, commerce and business of today are the products of trained minds; while, upon the other hand the various departments of government have been entrusted by common consent to those who have acquired knowledge, and especially the discipline of a college course.

Not one in a hundred of our white male youth has been college bred, yet the colleges have furnished one-half of all the Presidents

of the United States, most of the Justices of the Supreme Court, not far from one-half of the members of the Cabinet and the National Senate, and almost one-third of the house of Representatives. It is vastly more important, however, that we bear in mind that the christian school affords the very best opportunity for the development of christian character. All the elements of the larger life of the future manifest themselves, in one form or another, during the college days, and that is the time for future leaders to be equipped, sufficiently learned, strong and heroic to master the mighty problems on which hang the great things of this world and of the kingdom of heaven. The elementary school will go on teaching the child facts. The secondary school will interweave those facts into groups and principles and laws. Manual training may become more and more a feature of both, in preparation for the useful and practical in life. The professional and technical schools must become more and more post-graduate schools to fit men for the callings, the professions, the specialties of life. But between these, the secondary and technical schools, lies the all important work of training the man. For the man must be a man before he is a specialist. The minister, the doctor, the lawyer, is a weakling in his profession, if he lacks the poise, the symmetry, the character that we call manhood.

As a denomination we find abundant cause for congratulations and devout praise to God, in our institutions of learning. Wake Forest, easily at the front, is prospering under the wise and inspiring leadership of Dr. Poteat. There is no better college in the South for our Baptist young men than Wake Forest.

Meredith College at Raleigh has won an honorable place among the leading colleges of the South for the education of young women.

With these colleges, we are convinced that now at last Baptist parents need not sacrifice denominational loyalty that their boys and girls may receive the very best educational advantages in North Carolina.

As adequate preparation must be made before the pupil is fitted to enter an institution of collegiate grade, we are very fortunate in having a number of excellent preparatory schools. Thousands of our boys and girls do not live within the reach of a graded school and it has been demonstrated that such schools, even when accessible, cannot so fully meet individual needs as do properly conducted private and denominational academies. In this most important field such thoroughly competent schools do exist under

Baptist patronage at Buies Creek, Delway, Mt. Vernon Springs, Winterville, Wallburg, Wingate, Burnsville, Clyde and Mars Hill with a good number of others; but by far the most important to the South Fork Association is the South Fork Institute, located at Maiden, N. C. This is a Baptist school, and belongs to our own Association. Many of you have put your money into it, and now you need to put your boys and girls into it. Some Baptist brag may be good, but Baptist loyalty is far better. Brethren, support your own school by sending your boys and girls to it. The school needs them and they need its help.

Hope centers in the rising generation. That our boys and girls may be true to themselves, true to the fathers, and true to those crises big with tremendous destiny which the world's mighty movements will create, we should arm them with the keen and burnished weapons, as well as the strong defensive armor of christian education. North Carolina is entitled to find in each son and daughter at every time of private or public crises a valiant champion of the right. "A warrior of truth in the ranks of the free."

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. CARROLL.

After discussion by W. H. Reddish and S. W. Bennett the report was adopted.

The committee on Order of Business made the following report which was adopted:

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

1:30—Treasurer's Report.
1:35—Orphanage.
2:15—Association Missions.
3:15—Aged Ministers' Relief.
3:45—Report of Committee on Place and Preacher for next session.

THURSDAY

9:30—Devotional Exercises.
10:00—South Fork Institute.
10:40—Home Missions.
11:20—Foreign Missions.
1:30---Sunday Schools.
2:00---Women's Work.
2:30---Obituaries.

5:45---Miscellaneous Business.

W. R. Bradshaw discussed State Missions in an eloquent and impressive address.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Place and Preacher for next Session; A. J. Cook, J. O. Allen, Joseph Graham.

The Association adjourned with benediction by J. L. Shinn.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY

Afternoon Session.

J. A. Hope led the Association in prayer.

J. J. Beach was substituted to make the report on Foreign Missions in place of A. W. Setzer.

The Treasurer made the following report which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lincolnton, N. C., October 24, 1910.

To balance on hand	$ 66.39
To collections by missionaries	84.81
To amount from Finance Committee	729.65
To collections since Association	218.62
Total	$1099.47
By amount paid out	1028.31
To balance on hand	$ 71.16

Respectively submitted,
W. C. MULLEN, Treas.

The above report has been audited by us and we find it correct.
Thos. J. Ramseur,
J. O. Allen.
AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Thos. J. Ramseur presented the following report on the

Orphanage:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Our Orphananage at Thomasville is an institution that we may be truly thankful for. Not only because our homeless children are so well cared for and so well trained there; but also for the influence it has on the hearts of our people. The tender sympathy it awakens inspires us to greater liberalty.

This institution has made steady growth. Its estimated value including the fund is now $250,000.00.

We are supporting 385 children. Cost of caring for these children is $7.15 per month each, making expenses $100 per day. This includes all salaries, etc. Charity and Children has a subscription list of 14000 and pays $2000.00, after all expenses are paid, to support of Orphanage. The farm furnishes fresh vegetables for the tables during the season. Nothing in the way of beans, tomatoes, etc., has been bought and the table has been abundantly supplied.

We feel that the children here are better cared for and trained than we can do in our homes.

500 Sunday schools are giving the contribution of one Sunday each month to the orphanage. The Sunday schools are paying 40 per cent of the Orphanage expenses.

We reccommend for the consideration of the Board of Trustees the changing of the name of our Orphanage from "The Thomasville Baptist Orphanage," to "The North Carolina Baptist Orphan Home." THOS. J. RAMSEUR, Com.

After discussion by Archibald Johnson and W. H, Reddish the report was adopted.

On motion of A. W. Setzer a collection amounting to $13.08 was taken for the Orphanage.

J. F. Click presented the following report on Obituaries which, without remarks, was adopted:

REPORT ON OBITUATIES.

Dr. B. F. Whitesides was born in 1852, and died October 2, 1910 aged 59 years. In early life he professed faith in Christ and joined the church, and at once became a lively in that spiritual building. After completing his education he chose the profession

and practice of medicine. About thirty years ago he settled in Hickory. From that time to his death he was the leading, living spirit of the Hickory church, helping it from its infancy and weakness to its present influence and strength in his town, this Association and State. He was a model boy, student, citizen, physician and christian. As a member of the church, Sunday school, and board of deacons he was instant in season and out of season, always willing and ready to do his part in every good word and and work. In his death the Hickory Church and the Association have not only lost one of their best and brightest members, but from our field heaven garners one of its ripest and most precious sheaves.

Brother George I. Paseur entered into that rest which remaineth to the people of God on Thursday, October 20, 1910, and his remains repose in the Salem cemetery. Brother Paseur was a member of Alexis Baptist Church at the time of his death. For thirty years the writer has known this Godly man, and can say in all sincerity that he has known few whose lives seemed to be filled with more of God's grace and the power that attends the Holy Spirit. Being about 75 years of age, having served long and well in the Kingdom here, he will have many treasures in the Glory Land. Brother Paseur held the office of deacon for many years and showed himself thoroughly approved unto good works. A host of friends and relatives mourn his departure. Among them we would mention his faithful wife who shared with him the joys and sorrows incident to life, and who gave comfort and cheer in his declining years.

J. F. CLICK,
W. F. HUGGINS,
CALVIN BAKER.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Bartlette Stroup was born April 22, 1828, died March 10, 1910. Brother Stroup was a member of Mt. Zion Church for 40 years. He came to Mt. Zion from Salem Church when Mt. Zion was organized. He was a deacon and leader in his church up till about three years before his death, old age and ill health having caused him to give up church work and wait for the summons to come up higher. He is resting from his labors and his works do follow.

C. A. CALDWELL.

Whereas the Lord has called unto himself thirty-five of our number during the year just closing. and whereas only three of this number have been referred to by our Committee on Obituaries, be it resolved that we want to go on record as holding sacred the memory of all the departed ones. They heard the Master's call and have answered. May the dear Father deal tenderly with each of us as we continue to toil, marching on toward the end.

J. L. SHINN.

W. A. Graham made the following report on Associational Missions:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The following appropriations and appointments were made this year:

Denver	$125.00
Mt. Grove and Thessalonica,	37.50
Newton and Startown	200.00
TOTAL	$362.50

There was a deficit in paying missionaries last year of $157.50 hence it was thought best to make only the above appointments for this year.

W. A. Graham,
H. B. Moore,
J. D. Elliott,
R. S. Lewis,
E. L. Whisenant,
EXECUTIVE COM.

W. A. GRAHAM'S RESIGNATION.

It is expedient, I think, for the Chairman of the Executive Committee to sever his connection with this work; for thirty-seven years it has had his attention. Altho he has passed his three score and ten years, yet his eye is not dim nor his natural force abated, and it would be painful in stopping work to begin the cessation with the work pertaining to the Master's Kingdom. If he should live for two years yet he will be absent from the bounds of the Association for that time, with the probability of a much longer absence. In order to effectively supervise mission work, the Chairman should live within the bounds of the Association. This year there has been no progress, in a great measure due to this fact, and

he is unwilling that any action of his should hinder the work,

With high appreciation of the consideration and esteem which the brethren have ever shown me, and an earnest prayer for blesseings upon the work, I tender my resignation as a member of the Executive Committee.

Fraternally,

W. A. GRAHAM, Chairman.

After discussion by W. A. Graham, W. H. Reddish, C. M. Ervin and J. L. Shinn the report, with Brother Graham's resignation as Chairman of the Executive Committee, which he read at the conclusion of his address, was adopted.

Pledges were taken for Associational Missions as follows:

PLEDGES FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Alexis	$ 5.00	Long Creek	10.00
Belmont	10.00	Long Shoals	5.00
Corinth	10.00	Loray	10.00
Catawba	2.50	Maysworth	5.00
Dallas	25.00	McAdenville	10.00
Gastonia. First	50.00	Mt. Grove	12.50
Hickory Grove	10.00	Newton	30.00
High Shoals	10.00	Piney Grove	5.00
Kid's Chapel	35.00	Startown	15.00
Lincolnton	15.00	Thessalonica	10.00
		Warlick's Chapel	5.00

On motion H. B. Moore was asked to prepare suitable resolutions relative to the resignation of W. A. Graham as Chairman of Executive Committee.

On motion of J. A. Hoyle the Constitution was amended by striking out Tuesday before the last Sunday in October at 1 o'clock and inserting instead "Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October at 11 o'clock.

Thos. J. Ramseur was elected a member of the Executive Committee to succeed W. A. Graham, resigned.

H. B. Moore and R. S. Lewis were elected members of the Executive Committee to succeed themselves.

On motion Aged Ministers Report was given the place of Report on Obituaries in Order of Business.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for next session re-

ported as follows:

PLACE—Long Creek.
PREACHER—S. W. Bennette.
ALTERNATE---R. D. Carroll.

W. H. Reddish was appointed a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following delegates to Baptist State Convention: H. B. Moore, R. D. Carrol, T. J. Ramseur.

The Moderator appointed the following to write reports for next session:

FOREIGN MISSIONS—W. H. Reddish.
HOME MISSIONS—R. D. Carroll.
STATE MISSIONS—J. D. Harte.
EDUCATION—D. E. Vipperman.
ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—H. B. Moore.
WOMANS' WORK—J. L. Shinn.
ORPHANAGE—J. J. Beach.
AGED MINISTERS RELIEF—C. A. Caldwell.
BIBLICAL RECORDER—G. W. Rollins.
OBITUARIES—J. F. Click.

On motion the Clerk was instructed not to cover Minutes with advertising covers furnished by American Baptist Publication Society.

On motion of J. L. Shinn the Executive Committee was instructed to pay C. W. Ervin any amount they may have in excess of amount appropriated up to twenty-five dollars.

On motion of W. B. McClure the Association returns to the custom of reading church letters at opening of Association.

Association adjourned with benediction by W. R. Bradshaw.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY

Morning Session

Devotional exercises were conducted by W. W. Rimmer

On motion the pastor of Mt. Zion Church was instructed to prepare an obituary of Bro. Bartlett Stroup to be printed in the Minutes in connection with the report on Obituaries.

S. J. Honeycutt presented the report on South Fork Institute, which was followed by the report of the Treasurer, H. B. Moore.

REPORT ON SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees last May the General Manager of South Fork Institute reported an enrollment of 135 for the session of 1909-'10, which was an increase of 29 over the previous year, and of 14 over any year in the history of the school.

Last year's receipts for tuition were $500 in excess of the receipts for the session of 1908-'09.

During the summer just passed your principal spent six weeks in the bounds of the association at work securing students.

The school opened this session on the 30th of August with 20 more present than were present on the opening day, the 17th of August, last year. This week we have in school 20 more than were in school the corresponding week last year.

Of the 96 in school, fifty are from Baptist homes, 46 from other denominations. Maiden and community furnishes more than half of the student body.

The recitation building has just been repainted at a cost of about $80.

South Fork Institute organized a Sunday School at the first of the session with a membership of about 50. The students' Wednesday night prayer meeting is maintained as last year, with the exception that every other Wednesday night the meeting is to be conducted by some one of the pastors of the Association.

In a series of meetings held at the Baptist church at the first of the session one of the boarding students was converted and joined the church.

Mrs. O. L. Stringfield still has charge of the Boarding Department, and is assisted this session by Miss Jennie Whisenant.

Since last year there has been two changes in the teaching force, Miss Zelma Bland, a graduate of Oxford Seminary, has charge of the Primary Department instead of Miss Rennie Peele who left us to continue her studies at the University of North Carolina. Miss Myrtle Jones, a graduate of Meredith, is our Music teacher, in the place of Miss Mozelle Stringfield who left us to ac-

cept a similar position in Oregon.

An Elocution Department has been added to the school with Mrs. S. J. Honeycutt in charge. The Class numbers 20.

Two weeks ago the Catawba River Association, which met at St. Pauls church in Cleveland county, enthusiastically and unanimously adopted South Fork Institute as their associational school, and recommended five excellent brethren of that association for members of the present Board of Trustees.

Your principal recommends the immediate expenditure of $150 or $200 on the buildings and grounds in needed repairs and on necessary improvements.

To sum up in a few words: Everything indicates a prosperous session, the best in the history of the school; the spirit of the student body is fine; every teacher has his entire energies bent toward the improvement of the school and the student body; the literary societies are enthusiastic in their work; a self.government association has just been organized among the student body which promises great things for the discipline of the school and for a fine fellowstudents feeling.

Respectfully submitted

S. J. HONEYCUTT, Prin.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SOUTH FORK INSTITUTE OCT. 25, 1910.

Cash in bank	$ 27.76
Value of property:	
Boys' Dormitory	2500.00
Girls' Dormitory	5000.00
Main building	4300.00
Cottage and lot	700.00
Total	$12500.00
Total Insurauce	$8000.00

Policies expiring from March 14 to November 18 , 1911.

Unpaid Notes:	
J. B. Bridges, Interest paid to January 1, 1911	$600.00
J. S. Bridges, " " " 1, 1911	600.00
W. L. Saunders, interest paid to March 2, 1908	450.00
	$1650.00

Notes due at Association of 1908	$3650.00
Notes paid before the Association of 1909	1400.00
Leaving balance of	2250.00
Notes paid since Association of 1909	600.00
Total as itemized above	$1650.00

Unpaid pledges, October 25, 1909	$2021.28
Received since October 25, 1909	691.12
Unpaid pledges due October 25, 1910	$1330.19

Many have paid in full, some have paid in part, and some have done nothing—throwing the heavy part of the burden on other shoulders. Let us arise and throw off our lethargy, and finish paying off this debt, so that our school may not be encumbered. This year gives greater promise than any other year of its history. Will not the pastors make a final effort to raise the amount pledged at the Association of 1908 at Gastonia? This is a just and honorable obligation. Surely we cannot afford to be slack in conducting the King's business.

With many thanks to those who have been prompt in paying their obligation and an abiding faith that all will meet the balance of their unpaid pledges, we face the future with greater hope than we have yet known. Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MOORE, Sec. & Treas.

The reports were discussed by S. J. Honeycett, G. P. Abernethy, W. H. Reddish and J. L. F. Danner.

Pending the adoption of the reports, subscriptions for needed repairs at South Fork Institute amounting to $150.00 were taken. Reports adopted.

On motion J. L. Shinn was asked to write a resolution supplementing report on Obituaries.

On motion of J. J. Beach the time from 11:20 to 12:15 be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

J. A. Hoyle presented the report on Home Missions:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board was organized 65 years ago. Since

its organization it has done a work with hardly a parallel in this country. Under its work about sixty thousand churches have been organized and one hundred and ninety thousand have been baptized. The report of the Home Board was never better and the outlook never more bright with promise and hope than now. It says we have come into the open field of opportunity and the horizon stretches in every direction. The work of the Board of Home Missions appeals to us to give the Gospel to our own native people of the South and the Foreigners who are coming to our country by the thousands every year. Let us at once lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

Respectfully Submitted

J. A. HOYLE

After being discussed by R. D. Carroll and I. T. Newton the report was adopted.

J. J. Beach read the report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Giving the whole gospel to the whole world," is the great mission of the churches of Jesus Christ. Missions was not an afterthought or a side issue invented in these latter days, but was the mind of Jesus when He left the work to His people and went back to Heaven. His people sadly neglected this work for centuries of war and woe and religious persecution when both Infidelity and Catholicism were trying to prevail against His Church. But we have fallen upon better times and for the last century the Master has been calling us to carry out the Great Commission and we have been heeding the call as never before.

Last year the contributions of Southern Baptists reached the half million mark. We sent out 22 new missionaries, built 8 new missionary residences, 2 hospitals and God gave us as a mark of his approval 3,208 baptisms, sent into our Sunday schools 11,000 scholars, over 5,000 in our day schools 227 of whom are studying in our theological schools preparing to work among their own people.

But there are yet living 600,000 people who have never heard the name of Jesus and yet our Master says our duty is to every creature.

With the wonderful success God has given us as Baptists, the open doors before us and the Spirit and Christ's Commission say-

ing "Go." What shall we do: The Great Commission can not be carried out by any other than Baptists, for if they were to teach the people to "observe all things he has commanded" then they would be Baptists themselves. They, therefore, cannot preach the "whole gospel" for they do not have it themselves.

What shall we as Baptists do?

J. J. BEACH.

The report was discussed by J. J. Beach and W. H. Reddish and adopted.

Adjourned with benediction by S. W. Bennett.

THIRD DAY—THURSDAY.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was led in prayer by I. T. Newton.

On motion Sunday Schools was discussed without a report.

Discussion by W. H. Reddish S. W. Bennett.

On Motion of W. H. Reddish, S. W. Bennett, J. J. Beach and S. J. Honeycutt were appointed to arrange for a Sunday School Institute.

D. E. Vipperman presented the report on Woman's Work:

REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK.

Thanksgiving to God and co-operation of all the churches and the encouragement from all the pastors should be given to the women's work which for years have helped in advancing the Master's Kingdom.

The plan upon which they do this work measures its success and guarantees progress.

The Woman's Missionary Union is an auxilliary of our Southern Baptist Convention.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary, Sunbeam Band and Royal Embassadors are organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union and co-operate with our State Convention. The Louisville Training School and the Margurette Home are their institutions.

Young Woman's Auxilliary gave to all objects last year $18.000. Sunbeams and Royal Embassadors gave last year $17.000.

While the sum total of gifts by the Woman's Missionary Union amounted to $215,956.48.

We commend Woman's Work to all the churches and pastors of our Association and urge the importance of this work upon every church and all our women who love their Lord with the watchword of the Woman's Missionary Union: "Whatsoever he sayeth unto you, do it." Respectively submitted

D. E. VIPPERMAN.

After discussion by D. E. Vipperman and J. J. Beach the report was adopted.

On motion of J. J. Beach the minutes of Woman's Missionary Society are to be incorporated in the minutes of the Association.

Thos. J. Ramseur presented report of finance committee as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Collected for Minutes	$ 59.71
Associational Missions	209.78
State "	104.49
Home "	85.97
Foreign "	129.71
Education	4.30
Orphanage	75.09
Minister's Relief	23.45
Associational Missions	21.86
Sunday School Missions	13.10
Total,	$727.46

On motion the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services and instructed to have minutes printed with remainder of funds.

The following was presented by H. B. Moore, and unanimously adopted by the association, relative to the resignation of W. A. Graham as Chairman of the Executive Committee:

RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE RESIGNATION OF MAJ. W. A. GRAHAM FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SOUTH FORK ASSOCIATION

How difficult it is to do justice to the services rendered by such a man as Major William A. Graham! How much more difficult it is for one who knows only the last few years of that service.

It is impossible to think of the name of the South Fork Association without thinking of Major William A. Graham, for entertwined among the pages of its history is his life work for us as a denomination. He was at the helm as moderator when the babe was born; he nurtured it in the tender years of its youth, when the harvest was ripe and the laborers were few. With a strong and fixed purpose, a tender heart and a simple trust in our Heavenly Father, he gave to our Association the best and wisest counsel of his mature years. Never failing when the way seemed dark, ever hoping and trusting, he did the best he could by the light of the day. On and on he piloted the boat, avoiding the dangerous hidden rocks, and keeping away from the shoals, until it has entered more peaceful waters. By his farsightedness and splendid wisdom, Baptist churches have been strategetically located throughout the bounds of South Fork Association; and, by his Godly walk and counsel, many of them have grown to be strong stations. But words fail me as I try to honor this lovable character. We release him reluctantly from the Executive Committee which he has served so faithfully and so well, but we shall expect to see his familiar figure at the sessions of our Association for many, many years to come. What a benediction he is to us all! Only the future can reveal what he has been to this people of South Fork Association.

Just today one of the pastors of our Association referred to the good advice given him by Major Graham when he was starting out in his ministry many, many years ago. If every minister who has ever sought and received his wholesome counsel could be here today to honor his matchless record what a vast company we should have; if every person in this Association who has been influenced for good by the Godly life of William A. Graham could stand here and add their testimony what a mighty host it would be! We are grateful to God for this man who by his heroic work, when the Association was being established, has made possible the splendid superstructure of today.

We are proud to place his name among that great galaxy of

prominent Baptists who have stood for what they believed to be right, and who are helping to make North Carolina a better state than she ever has been before. No history of the Baptists of this state could be in any sense complete without a very prominent place being assigned to the memory of Major William A. Graham. He has stood for conservatism, and yet always making as rapid progress as was safe and sound.

And now, looking backward to the beginning once more and reviewing the almost miraculous work accomplished well-nigh alone by this good man, let us compare the very few workers of that day with the countless numbers all over our domain today, and resolve that we will not rest until every mission point is self-sustaining, and then each and every one work to the end that an evergreen Sunday School shall flourish at each church, and the members of each church so dedicate their hearts and substance to God's cause that they may call a pastor for all—certainly half his time. Let us have faith in God like this noble man whom we are honoring today, and not be afraid to attempt great things for Him.

And now we commend Major William A Graham to the tender and loving care of Him who doeth all things well—praying for him much happiness as he faces the future, and may his last days be his best on account of the abiding presence of his Master whom he has lovingly served so well. Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MOORE.

J. J. Beach offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved: That this Association hereafter turn its funds for Associational Missions, together with the State Mission funds, all over to the State Board of Missions and call the whole fund "State Missions."

Resolved, second: That we instruct the Chairman of our Executive Committee to ask every church in South Fork Association to make a liberal cash contribution between now and State Convention in December to pay the indebtedness to our missionaries for last year.

Resolved, third: That no funds at all be sent to this Association next year but all sent to the proper treasurer.

J. A. Hoyle presented the following resolution:

Resolved: That this Association return their thanks to the members of this church and the good people in the community for their hospitality and splendid entertainment during this session of our Association. J. A. HOYLE.

On motion C. E. Beaver was requested to furnish Clerk with report on Aged Ministers to be printed in the minutes.

The Association adjourned with benediction by W. R. Bradshaw.

A. W. SETZER,
Clerk.

OSBORNE BROWN,
Moderator.

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Fork Association convened in the First Baptist Church of Gastonia, at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, October 4, 1910, Mrs. H. B. Moore presiding.

After singing "Open Wide the Door," Mrs. Reddish led in prayer, which was followed by the song "Solid Rock." The President read a part of thethirteenth chapter of Matthew. A duett was rendered by Misses Mabel and Kate Padgett. A most cordial welcome was extended in behalf of the First Church by Miss Kate Padgett, and by Mrs. J. J. Beach for East and Loray churches.

An earnest and impressive address on "The Woman's Field" was delivered by Mrs. H. B. Moore.

After prayer by Mrs. C. V. Blake and singing the third and fourth stanzas of "Solid Rock" the first session was dismissed by Mrs. M. E. Bridges.

Delegates were enrolled as follows: Gastonia W. M. S., Mrs. J. M. Kendrick, Mrs. L. F. Groves, Mrs, C. V. Blake. Maiden, W. M S., Mrs. O. L. Stringfield; East Church, Miss Clara Smith, Mrs. J. J. Beach.

Gastonia, Y. W. A., Miss Mary Hildebrand, Miss Kate Padgett. Lincolnton, W. M. S., Mrs. L. M. Coffey; Star Town Sunbeams, Mrs. W. L. Killian. Lincolnton Sunbeams, Mrs. M. E. Bridges. Dallas chureh, Miss Ethel Shinn, Miss Fannie Robinson, Miss Helen Durham; Loray Sunbeams, Miss Mary Dilling, Miss Eunice Barbee; Newton, W. M. S., Mrs. Yates Killian.

Wednesday Morning

The morning session was begun at 9:30 by singing "Coronation' The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. C. V. Blake, President of the Gastonia W. M. S.

Reports from the societies were then read.

Mrs. Yates Killian took charge of the Forward Movement Conference. She discussed in a very interesting and instructive manner the following outline on the motto, "Larger Service."

1. Membership.
2. Mission Study.
3. Gifts.

4. Personal Service (Our Community).
5. United Prayer.
6. Missionary Institute

The morning session closed with the singing of "Take Time to Be Holy" and prayer by Mrs. Reddish.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session opened with the hymn "Stand Up For Jesus."

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. J. Beach.

Miss Clara Smith read a tract entitled, "A Christian Dying in a Heathen Land." After remarks on Foreign Missions by the President, Mrs. L. M. Coffey read a splendid paper on "State Missions" in which she plainly emphasized the needs of this great cause. Abstract of a reading on Home Mission Work by V. I. Masters was given by Mrs. W. H. Reddish.

"Home Missions" was then discussed by Mrs. Yates Killian.

The W. M. U. Training School was presented by Miss Belle Tyner who as a student, told of the needs of the school work done by students and other interesting features.

After hearing her we felt more than ever the importance of trained leaders among the women,

Y. W. A. work was then brought before us by Mrs, Yates Killian, Mrs. H. B.Moore discussed Sunbeam Work and Mrs. W. J. Clifford read a paper on the "Mother's Part" in the Sunbeam society.

Mrs. M.E. Bridges read a helpfull paper on Royal Ambassadors

After open discussion on the work for the coming year the committee on time and place annouuced that the next meeting will be held with the Newton Baptist church on the first Tuesday and Wednesday in October, 1910,

The committee on motto decided to adopt the State motto "Larger Service" for the coming year,

The Union took eleven hundred dollars as her aim for the coming year.

An Associational fund was discussed, and a motion carried that each member of the societies be asked to pay 5c to this fund.

The meeting closed with a chain of prayers and the singing of "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow."

Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Sec'y.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Fork Association.

2. Its object shall be to educate men called of God the to ministry and approved by the church to which they belong; to support the Gospel in destitute sections within its bounds; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in the Sunday Schools, and to cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. It shall be composed of delegates annually elected by the respective church, each church entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members in excess of fifty, provided no church have more than five. The pastors of the churches in the Association shall be recognized as delegates.

4. Its officers shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

5. There shall be an Executive Committee of five persons, who shall have supervision of all business pertaining to the work of the Association. They shall be elected by the body in two groups, one to be elected each year and to serve two years.

6. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Association.

7. That any member of this Association attending any sister Association, shall be considered a delegate to the same.

8. This Association shall meet annually on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in October, at 11 A. M. The Introductory sermon to be preached immediately after organization.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The delegates shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. The hour for business shall be—Meet at 9:30 a. m., adjourn at pleasure unless otherwise ordered.

4. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings, but may designate some one to take his place, if he wishes to vacate the chair.

5. The presiding officer shall enforce order in accordance with "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

6. The Clerk shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association, and superintend the printing of the minutes.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION (1881)

Resolved, First, we recommend that every church, for the good of the cause of Christianity, discountenance in its members the aiding in the manufacture, sale, or use of any kind of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and if after being admonished, they will not refrain, the church should expel them.

Resolved, Second, That we will as an Association, withdraw our fellowship from all such churches as will not observe the rules.

This resolution shall be read by the Clerk annually during the session of the Association. (1886).

TABLES

CHURCHES	Organized	ADDITIONS				DIMUNITIONS				MEMBERSHIP			SUN. SCHOOL			CH. PROPERTY	
		Baptized	Letter	Restored	Total	Letter	Excluded	Died	Total	Males	Females	Total	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total	Seating Capacity	Value
Alexis	1903	8	2		10	2		1	3	42	41	83	8	70	78	300	$ 1200
Amity*	1905																
Belmont	1874	33	26	4	63	7			7	65	87	152	7	80	87	300	2000
Beulah	1905	2			2		1		1	10	13	23	8	82	90	250	400
Bethel	1895		1		1	4			4	23	43	66					
Brookford	1907	41	8	2	51	4	41		45			101					
Bruington	1853		5		5	6			6	22	32	54	6	50	56	400	1250
Cedar Grove	1902									9	16	25				300	1000
Corinth	1856	4	5		9	4	1	1	6	50	85	135	10	125	135	400	500
Catawba	1875		7		7	2			2	22	28	50				300	2000
Dallas	1879	4	23		27	14			14	54	71	125	9	110	119	400	3500
East Gastonia	1901	35	35		70	31	11	3	45	101	192	293	12	175	197	600	4000
Faith	1906	2	1		3			1	1	15	14	29					
Gastonia	1884	24	36	3	63	10	5	1	16	114	181	295	18	211	229	600	25000
Hebron	1883	12	6		18	12		2	14	38	59	97	9	100	109		
Hickory, First	1870	11	27	2	40	11		3	14	96	185	281	20	250	270	800	1550
Hickory Grove	1873	16	10	7	33	14	1		15	108	113	221	10	100	110	400	200
High Shoals	1902	5	9		14	11	1		12	45	72	117	9	142	151	500	1400
Kid's Chapel	1872		2		2			1	1	41	62	103	6	48	54	300	900
Leonard's Fork	1882			1	1	2		1	3	31	52	83	5	27	32	300	
Lincolnton Ave.	1910	38	27		65					26	39	65					
Lincolnton, First	1859	7	24		31	31	2	1	34	84	123	207	10	120	130	300	8000
Long Creek	1772	31	17	8	56	18			18	90	127	217	8	125	133	500	2000
Long Shoals	1901		2		2	2			2	23	32	55	9	60	69		
Lowell	1892	6	7	6	19	14	4		18	42	74	116	12	89	101	400	1200
Lucia	1903									10	17	27				300	1000
Loray	1905	23	54		77	33	13	2	48			315	13	300	313	500	5000
Lawing's Chapel	1907	6			6					44	42	86	8	80	88	300	1000
Macedonia	1869	9	6		15	1	2		3	78	103	181	6			400	450
Maiden	1891	7	4	1	12	29	5	1	35	69	89	158	7	120	127	500	1500
Maysworth	1910																
McAdenville	1887	18	8	2	28	26	4	1	31	63	149	212	13	166	179	400	1000
Mt. Grove	1881	14	1		15	1		2	3	33	38	71	6	32	80	400	1600
Mt. Ruhama	1816	13	4		17	6		1	7	110	150	260	14	106	120	400	550
Mt. View	1853	7	4		11					29	36	65	8	107	115	350	850
Mt. Holly	1890	45	25	7	77	6	3	3	12	55	104	159	8	137	145	500	2000
Mt. Zion	1869	9	4	4	17			2	2	97	152	249				300	900
Newton	1882	5	9		14	18	1	1	20	42	88	130	10	144	154	350	3500
Olivet	1833	5	10		15	3		2	5	72	114	186	10	128	138	400	1200
Piney Grove	1904	3	2		5	1	1		2	21	30	51	5	70	75	400	600
Providence I*	1852																
Providence II	1878	3	2		5	1	3		4	33	49	82	7	50	57	200	500
Penelope	1888		1		1	3	2		5	17	16	33	7	90	97	250	1000
Reepsville	1899	2			2	3			2	29	47	76				250	500
River View	1897	15	6		21	13		2	15	57	86	143	7	70	77	400	800
Sandy Plains	1863	12	6		18	1	10	1	12	54	71	125	7	43	50	600	600
Salem	1847		6		6	18		1	19	43	61	104	5	40	45	400	600
Startown	1896					4			4	7	14	21				200	800
Sharon	1884	5	12	2	19	3			3	21	33	54	5	67	72	400	500
Spencer Mountain	1909	2	1	5	8	2			2	21	19	40	10	104	114		
Thessalonica	1830		3		3	4			4	18	33	51				200	300
Warlick's Chapel	1875	11			11			1	1	36	86	121				500	1200
West Hickory	1907	8	9	1	18	5			5	24	46	70	8	99	107	300	800
Webb's Chapel	1892									9	13	22					250
Totals		521	455	55	1031	380	111	35	526	2143	3457	5600	340	3917	4257	16550	1 0

*No report. -Old report.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers Relief	Other Objects	Total
Alexis	$ 42 00	$	$ 22 25	$ 6 50	$	$ 5 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$ 3 00	$1 00	$ 3 00	$ 1 00	$1 00	$ 45		$ 91 20
Amity																
Belmont	275 00	70 85		75 00		10 00	10 00	7 00	4 00		20 00			3 00	30 00	504 85
Beulah	45 00			5 00			1 00	1 00			1 00					53 00
Bethel						3 56										3 56
Brookford		111 75	18 00	42 86	5 50		2 50								21 00	201 61
Bruington	70 00		31 00	7 00		3 00	5 00		10 00		4 00					130 00
Cedar Grove	25 00		2 00	4 08		7 50	2 18							1 70	35 07	77 53
Corinth	100 00					10 00	5 00	3 50	2 50	2 00	3 50			3 50		130 00
Catawba	100 00		2 00			5 00	4 00		2 67		2 72			1 67		118 09
Dallas	500 00	158 01	33 93	21 12		25 00	5 00		10 00		12 20			4 20	132 11	901 57
East Gastonia	1000 00	915 00	136 50	40 00	18 00		10 00	11 00	52 09		80 06		7 50		48 00	2283 06
Faith	50 00					3 00			1 00		1 00					55 00
Gastonia, First	1200 00	23 17	211 59	141 91	3 65	60 83	22 92	118 02	200 88	16 80	178 60	45 45	32 15	18 99	1198 38	3473 65
Hebron	100 00								4 00		4 00					108 00
Hickory, First	1400 00	649 79	610 60	203 26	98 90	30 49	61 04	116 69	191 30		185 21	240 00	7 85	34 50	5 00	5634 03
Hickory Grove	161 69		77 38			10 00		10 00	39 00		5 00			5 00		208 07
High Shoals	195 32	55 43	9 46	36 11		10 00	8 85	13 64	5 53		7 82		3 14	4 10	22 66	372 06
Kid's Chapel	125 00	85 00	2 50	4 40		30 00	12 50	3 50	9 46		31 60		2 80	2 00	8 25	317 01
Leonard's Fork	75 00		10 00	2 34		7 50	7 75				3 00			6 75		112 34
Lincolnton Ave	37 00		4 24			1 35	1 20									42 44
Lincolnton, First	669 04		44 83	72 65	7 66	7 50	43 20	64 95	57 55	4 15	59 13	11 50	10 00	6 25	80 39	1137 81
Long Creek	150 00			25 00		1 60	6 41	6 41	6 41	1 60	6 41			7 20	50 00	261 04
Long Shoals	51 30	8 50				2 00	2 00	2 00	2 50						2 25	70 55
Lowell	208 02		74 21	39 43		10 00	7 07		5 07		11 76					357 57
Lucia	34 95		5 25			6 25		3 27	1 50		2 00		45			53 67
Loray	800 00	826 42	103 03	56 24	38 74	10 15	7 76	3 41	21 55		5 40			48		1873 18
Lawing's Chapel		5 00		5 40		5 00			1 15			5 00				21 55
Macedonia		37 50			70	4 00	50	50	50	50	1 50			50		46 20
Maiden	150 00		17 70	13 93		3 00	3 00	1 00	1 80					3 80		181 22
Maysworth																
McAdenville	212 65		46 25	46 71	28 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	11 60			1 00		376 11
Mt. Grove	87 50	25 00	1 00	2 30		12 50	4 50	1 50	3 00		3 36			1 62	18 00	160 28
Mt. Holly	580 00	266 65	106 49	83 75	13 43	25 00	8 50	8 80	14 99	2 62	28 61			2 65	17 50	1158 90
Mt. Ruhama	127 50			9 08		5 00		8 21	8 20	2 15						161 34
Mt. View	75 00		20 00	5 00		1 50	3 50	1 00	1 00		1 50					108 50
Mt. Zion	100 00		136 00			10 00	2 00	10 00	5 00		2 00			1 55		266 55
Newton	125 00	13 10	27 99	10 66		30 00	14 61	14 88	14 73	2 28	34 12			2 15		396 42
Olivet	200 00	275 00	15 00	107 10		25 00	15 00	10 00	20 00	5 00	25 00	6 61	20 25	2 35	2 85	729 15
Piney Grove	50 00			3 42	1 36	1 36	1 30	4 00	2 25	2 17						65 91
Providence I																
Providence II	75 00	7 38		3 25		5 00	2 00	2 00	2 50		3 00			1 00		97 88
Penelope				22 00			3 00	3 50	6 50		3 10	4 00				42 10
Reepsville	75 00	25 00				1 00			1 00		2 00					104 00
River View	169 35	10 25		12 50			2 50	2 50	5 25		10 51	6 25			3 81	222 92
Sandy Plains	250 00	60 00	10 00	6 40		5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00		17 25	5 00			10 00	378 65
Salem	45 00					2 00	4 00	2 50	2 00		3 23			1 00		88 75
Startown	83 50					15 00		10 00	25 00		15 00			71	50	149 71
Sharon						2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		85					5 85
Spencer Mountain	55 00			48 85			3 15		2 20	5 00	8 00					122 20
Thessalonica	61 75					8 00	1 00	1 45	1 00		95					74 15
Warlick's Chapel	40 00		5 00		8 00	5 00					1.00				12 00	71 00
Webb's Chapel																
West Hickory	31 60	6 00	6 47	24 90		6 00	24 25				2 85			1 56	65 00	168 63
Totals	8763 90	3634 72	1790 67	1192 14	224 19	459 09	332 00	450 23	740 69	50 27	803 54	320 81	85 14	120 28	1712 77	17045 52

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	SUN. OF P'CHING	S. S. SUPT.	POST OFFICE
Alexis	Gaston	C. A. Caldwell	Henry	T. W. Garrison	Alexis	3rd	Stephen Stroup	Alexis
Amity	Lincoln							
Belmont	Gaston	J. L. Shinn	Dallas	R. M. Gaston	Belmont	1st & 3rd	Jas. A. Leeper	Belmont
Beulah	Catawba	L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	Wm. Johnson	Henry Rt. 3	2nd	J. C. Mull	Henry R-2
Bethel	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. C. Mullen	Lincolnton R-4			
Brookford	Catawba	J. D. Harte	Hickory	G. F. Foster	Hickory		C. P. Edwards	Hickory
Bruington	Gaston	I. T. Newton	Blacksb'g, S.C	D. F. Hovis	Stanley	4th	D. F. Hovis	Stanley
Cedar Grove	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. A. Whitener	Newton R-3	4th	J. A. Whitener	Newton R-3
Corinth	Catawba	C. A. Caldwell	Henry	G. W. Hood	Reepsville R. D	4th	R. P. Heavener	Henry
Catawba	Catawba	G. W. Rollins	Lincolnton	D. L. Wike	Catawba	1st		
Dallas	Gaston	J. L. Shinn	Dallas	J. R. Lewis	Dallas	2nd & 4th	A. A. High	Dallas
East Gastonia	Gaston	J. J. Beach	Gastonia	M. L. Saunders	Gastonia	Every	W. B. Biggers	Gastonia
Faith		L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	Uriah Ballard	Alexis	4th		
Gastonia, First	Gaston	W. H. Reddish	Gastonia	R. A. Froneberger	Gastonia	Every	J. S. Wray	Gastonia
Hebron	Gaston	L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	J. M. McKelvey	Mt. Holly R-1		T. H. Roberts	
Hickory, First	Catawba	J. D. Harte	Hickory	W. T. Sledge	Hickory	Every	J. D. Elliott	Hickory
Hickory Grove	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	J. F. Abernethy	Lowell R-3	4th		
High Shoals	Gaston	R. D. Carroll	Newton	R. J. Dellinger	High Shoals	3rd	W. R. Rhyne	High Shoals
Kid's Chapel	Lincoln	A. W. Setzer	Maiden	W. A. Pool	Iron Station	1st	W. A. Pool	Iron Station
Leonard's Fork	Lincoln	G. W. Rollins	Lincolnton	W. H. Hoover	Crouse	2nd	T. J. Hoover.	Crouse
Lincolnton Ave.	Lincoln	C. F. Felmet	Spartanburg	W. W. Caldwell	Lincolnton	3rd		
Lincolnton, First	Lincoln	S. W. Bennett	Lincolnton		Lincolnton	Every	J. O. Allen	Lincolnton
Long Creek	Gaston	H. B. Chronister	Maiden	A. R. Holland	Dallas	3rd	A. R. Holland	Dallas
Long Shoals	Gaston	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	W. G. Abernethy	Lincolnton R-6	2nd	D. L. Abernethy	Lincolnton R-6
Lowell	Gaston	I. T. Newton	Blacksb'g, S.C	W. F. Huggins	Lowell	1st	W. F. Huggins	Lowell
Lucia	Gaston			W. B. McIntosh	Stanley R-1			
Loray	Gaston	C. M Robinson	Gastonia	C. L. Chandler	Gastonia	Every	C. L. Chandler	Gastonia
Lawing's Chapel	Catawba	W. B. McClure	Alexis	J. J. Curlee	Lincolnton R-4	1st	E. S. Whisnant	Lincolnton
Macedonia	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	W. W. Lawing	Lincolnton	3rd	W. W. Lawing	Lincolnton
Maiden	Catawba	J. A. Hoyle	Hickory	L. S. Caldwell	Maiden	2nd & 3rd	A. E. Teague	Maiden
Maysworth	Gaston	C. M. Ervin	Hickory	J. J. Pressley				
McAdenville	Gaston	W. B. McClure	Alexis	M. L. Harwell	McAdenville	3rd	M. L. Harwell	McAdenville
Mountain Grove	Catawba	A. W. Setzer	Maiden	G. F. Huffman	Hickory R-1	3rd	Nolan. J. Sigmon	Hickory R-1
Mt. Holly	Gaston	D. E. Vipperman	Mt. Holly	Geo E. Mullis	Mt. Holly	Every	Geo. L. Mullis	Mt. Holly
Mt. Ruhama	Catawba	G. P. Abernethy	Maiden	Tate H. Caldwell	Newton R-2	2nd & 4th	M. C. Laney	Maiden R-1
Mt. View	Catawba	W. B. McClure	Alexis	E. Litten	Maiden R-1	2nd	L. P. Lawing	Iron Station
Mt. Zion	Gaston	C. A. Caldwell	Henry	W. F. McAllister	Alexis		J. M. Cline	Alexis
Newton	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	Preston Boyd	Newton		S. T. Gaddy	Newton
Olivet	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. T. Ervin	Catawba		Osborne Brown	Long Island
Piney Grove	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. W. Barker	Claremont	1st	Lee Setzer	Newton R-3
Providence I	Catawba							
Providence II	Catawba	C. A. Caldwell	Henry	R. L. Asherbrany	Henry	2nd	W. F. Huffman	Hickory
Penelope	Burke	J. A. Rector		Edward Lock	Hickory	2nd & 4th	F. A. Lock	Hickory
Reepsville	Lincoln	L. A. Bangle	Cherryville	H. D. Canipe	Lincolnton	4th		
River View	Lincoln	C. F. Felmet	Spartanburg	A. L. Cline	South Side	2nd	Plato Hicks	Lincolnton
Sandy Plains	Gaston	J. J. Beach	Gastonia	N. A. Jenkens	Gastonia	4th	J. L. Featherstone	Lowell
Salem	Gaston	C. E. Beaver	Maiden	E. F. Clanton	Lincolnton	2nd	C. F. Clanton	Lincolnton
Startown	Catawba	R. D. Carroll	Newton	J. Yates Killian	Newton	4th		
Sharon	Lincoln	J. A. Hoyle	Maiden	L. A. Abernethy	Iron Station	1st	D. F. Dellinger	Iron Station
Spencer Mount'n	Gaston	J. M. Ballard	Iron Station	J. F. Lowe	Lowell	2nd	J. R. Flowers	Lowell
Thessalonica	Catawba	A. W. Setzer	Maiden	W. P. Rhoney	Newton R-1	3rd		
Warlick's Chapel	Burke			A. J. Cook	Hickory R-4			
West Hickory	Catawba	J. M. Shaver	Taylorsville	F. S. Miller	Hickory	2nd	C. O. Deal	Hickory
Webb's Chapel								